

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Southeast Asia Security

LATEST reports from London suggest that Mr Dulles and Mr Eden have agreed that whatever form "united action in Southeast Asia" may eventually take, nothing is to be done that might prejudice the forthcoming Geneva conference. This is good news and to be heartily welcomed. The Geneva discussions may produce nothing tangible, but it is right and proper that nothing should be essayed at this moment by the Western powers which could be interpreted anywhere as being responsible for undermining the conference. It is the duty of the representatives of the free world to go to Geneva determined to do everything possible to bring about a negotiated agreement on Korea and other Far East problems which come up for discussion, any agreement, of course, being based on accepted principles and providing necessary safeguards. In the light of the recent Big Four Berlin talks this may be expecting too much, yet the effort must be made, and in such a manner that failure cannot be laid at the door of the United Nations delegates. There can be no "head in the clouds" about the Geneva conference; the problems to be tackled do not permit. The future of Korea is ostensibly the principal item on the agenda, yet it seems more than likely that when the delegates finally meet, emphasis will be shifted to Indo-China. It is very clear that Mr Dulles is more preoccupied with Indo-China than he is with Korea at this moment, and he does not hide his conviction that, whatever the outcome of the Geneva discussions, some positive sign must be given to the Communists that the free world intends to save Indo-China from falling into the hands of the Reds.

THAT sign, it would appear, is to take the form of a Southeast Asia security pact. It is an interesting proposition, but one which requires careful exploration. If it materialises it will, presumably, supersede the existing ANZUS pact—an alliance which by many is considered inadequate. In essence, the proposed Southeast Asia security agreement is what a number of interested countries have for some time past advocated. It would, conceivably, become a sort of Pacific NATO—a fully united front pledged to resist aggression. Britain, it is reported, agrees in principle to the creation of such a Southeast Asia alliance in the event of the Geneva conference failing to produce desired results, and that she does so is logical not only because of her wide and important interests in the Far East, but also because of the prominent position she occupies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Britain fully appreciates that Communist aggression in Asia must be stopped, and the best proof of her determination to play her part to this end is seen in the unrelenting war she is waging in Malaya. This, in fact, is the answer to those critics who would brand Britain as an appeaser of Communism. The Malayan war is to be fought to a finish, and by the same token, Britain can be expected to identify herself with any practical and reasonable project that will safeguard the Far East from the depredations of militant Communism.

# Britain Willing To Sponsor SE Asia Security Pact

## AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH DULLES No Action Before Geneva Talks

London, Apr. 12. Britain and the United States agreed in principle here today to sponsor a Southeast Asia security pact to deter Communist expansion should the Geneva conference fail to restore peace in Indo-China, according to diplomatic sources.

The pact would probably have Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand as its founder members and would be open to Southeast Asian states and the Philippines to join.

Mr John Foster Dulles and Mr Anthony Eden, American and British Foreign Secretaries, agreed the move at their talks on Mr Dulles' call for "united action" to prevent Communist domination of the rich and strategically important area.

Mr Dulles will discuss the proposal with the French Government when he flies to Paris tomorrow (Tuesday).

But no Western move will be made before the Geneva conference to give formal warning to the Peking Government against further aiding Communist rebels in the area, as Mr Dulles originally proposed.

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Mr Eden was understood to have told Mr Dulles that in the British view the Western powers could afford to wait until after the Geneva meeting because the onset of the monsoon would in any case soon bring the Indo-China war to a virtual standstill for about five months.

Opinion in Britain would react unfavourably to any move which might prejudice the chances of testing Communist intentions at Geneva, he said.

One of the proposals Mr Dulles made in pressing for "united action" was the issue of a declaration before Geneva by the nations concerned, warning Communist China of the possible consequences of continuing aid to Communist rebels.

Reports from Paris have suggested that the French Government, which is principally concerned because of her seven-year war in Indo-China, would agree to measures to bolster anti-Communist resistance if the Geneva meeting failed to end the war there.—Reuter.

### CRITICAL PHASE

London, Apr. 13. Britain is prepared to back a new defence organisation to shield Southeast Asia from further Communist aggression.

Mr Dulles outlined his plans for "united action" to cope with the crisis in Indo-China. The latest assessment of this campaign in which Red China is helping the rebels against the French Government when he flies to Paris tomorrow (Tuesday).

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## SUPREME COURT TO HEAR WIDOW'S CLAIM

Washington, Apr. 12. The Supreme Court today agreed to examine a Nebraska widow's damage claims against a cemetery that refused burial to her soldier-husband, an American Indian killed in Korea.

The widow, Mrs Evelyn Rice of Winnebago, Nebraska, sued for \$50,000 on each of three counts claiming humiliation and mental suffering after the Sioux City, Iowa, Memorial Park Cemetery refused to lower her husband's body into a grave following a graveside service.

## Comet Test Through The "Death Barrier"

London, Apr. 12. One of Britain's best known pilots will ram a Comet jet airliner through the mysterious "death barrier" six miles up in hopes of solving the mystery of three fatal crashes, it was announced today.

The pilot is RAF Group Captain John Cunningham who won the name of "Cat's Eyes" through his ability to spot Hitler's night bombers during the Battle of Britain. He is now chief test pilot for the de Havilland Aircraft Company, which manufactures the jet crash.

Captain Cunningham will clutch a microphone in his hand and broadcast a play-by-play account as he rams the Comet through the "death barrier" at full speed.

Sir Miles Thomas, Director of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has blamed such a "death barrier" for the Comet crashes.

Preparing for his death-defying climb, Captain Cunningham said: "The Comets have climbed this way for four and a half years without anything going wrong. I've done it scores of times."

The date for Captain Cunningham's flight was not announced. De Havilland said that it would be made as soon as the Company gives new ground checks to the Comet flown to its suburban Hatfield headquarters on Saturday.

De Havilland planned a make-or-break series of test flights designed to jar loose any possible information. Delicate instruments were being placed aboard the craft to record stresses and strains.

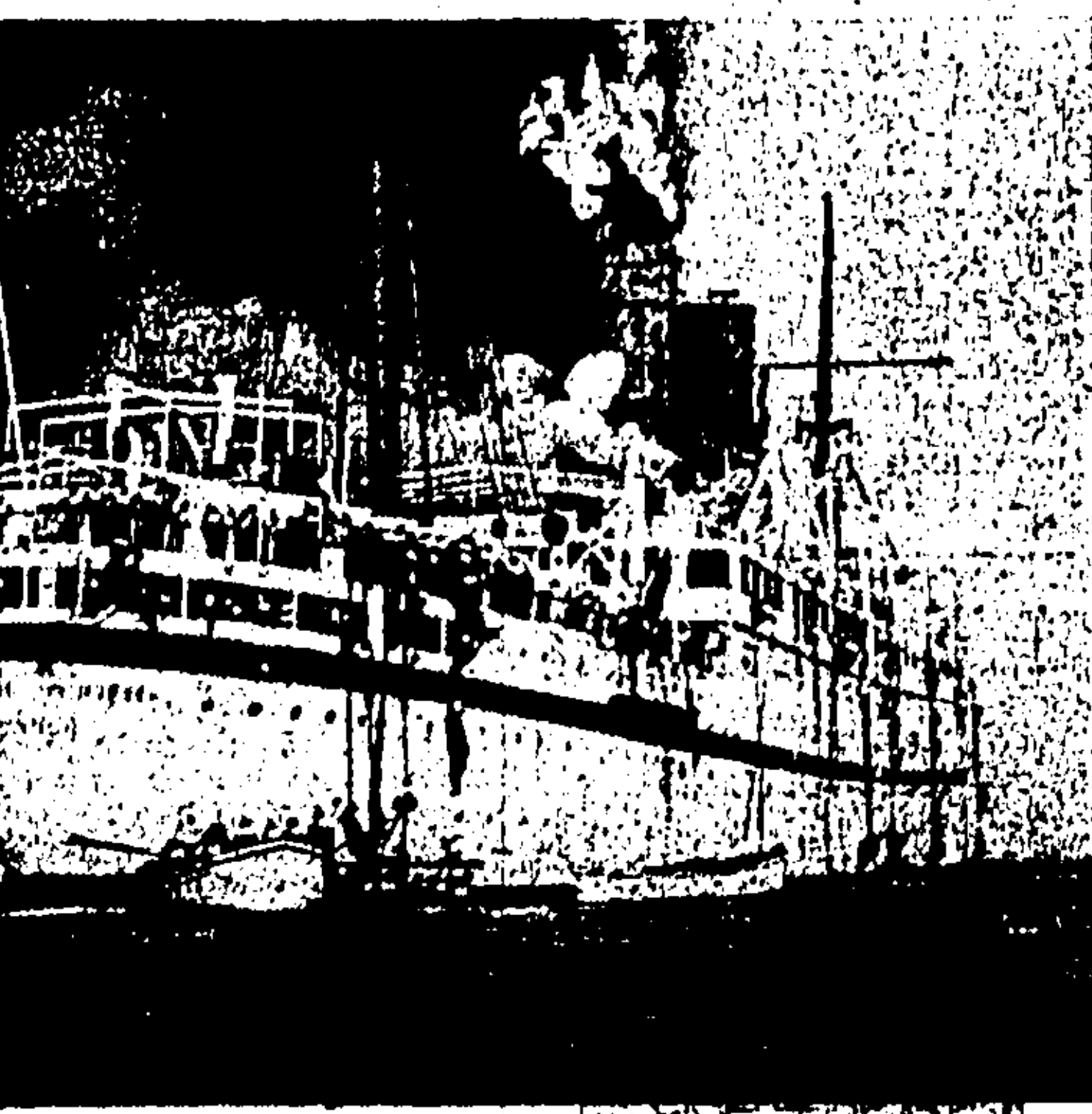
Later a Comet will be fitted with ejector seats and special emergency equipment to protect volunteer RAF fliers daring to re-enact the fatal flights.

A spokesman said that such equipment was necessary, only when pilots planned to "fight the plane" to the breaking point.—United Press.

London, Apr. 12. Two Royal Air Force jets crashed on the Yorkshire coast near Bridlington this morning and the two pilots were reported missing. The pilots were believed to have parachuted out over the sea. A search was started in the area.—France-Press.

Two Indians were reported severely injured tonight by French police in a village near the border of the French Indian settlement of Pondicherry.

Reports reaching here alleged that the French police violated Indian territory for the second time in two weeks and fired seven rounds in the village of Ettimadav, seven miles north of Pondicherry.—United Press.



Troopship Disaster



## Vital Hillock Regained From Vietminh Rebels

Hanoi, Apr. 12. The French High Command announced tonight that their forces regained control of the vital hillock east of Dien Bien Phu last night, but the Vietminh did not completely evacuate it until this morning.

The Vietminh withdrew well beyond artillery range after very heavy losses. French casualties were "severe."

The French seized the hillock on Saturday night.

French patrols probing westward last night contacted enemy troops less than a mile from the heart of the stronghold.

In the Tonkin Delta, the French yesterday lost two posts, one about ten miles from Hanoi and the other about the same distance northwest of Halphong.

The Vietminh ambushed a motor convoy 30 miles southward from Saigon yesterday. Armoured cars, which rushed to rescue the convoy, inflicted severe casualties on the Vietminh.

Vietminh seized two forts held by the Vietnam home guard in the Red River Delta last night and continued their raids on the railway and main road linking Hanoi and Haiphong.

In contrast to their half-hearted attack on Saturday, the Vietminh last night charged yelling into battle on the hillock and fought savagely at close quarters with bayonets, grenades and tommyguns.

Their attack was preceded by a blanket of artillery and mortar fire on French Union trenches.

The Vietminh held the hill for a short time, but the French dislodged them in an early morning counter-attack in darkness. The Vietminh failed to reach the crest again despite repeated charges.—Reuter.

### Indians Injured

Madras, Apr. 12. Two Indians were reported severely injured tonight by French police in a village near the border of the French Indian settlement of Pondicherry.

## REUNITED WITH SONS

Munich, Apr. 12. Mr Valeriu Georgescu, naturalised American, who claimed his two sons had been held in Rumania to force him to spy for the Communists, met them at the airport here today when they arrived by air from Vienna.

The boys, Constantin, 20, and Peter, 14, left Bucharest on Saturday after their release by the Rumanian authorities.

Mr Georgescu said he found it very difficult to recognise the boys who had changed "a great deal" during the seven and a half years since he last saw them.

"But I was very happy that they immediately recognised me," he added.

Mr Georgescu arrived in Munich last night. He said he first heard that his sons would be released about a fortnight ago while on a business trip in Turkey.

He said his sons, who went by train from Bucharest to Vienna on the first leg of their trip to the United States, had no passports but only a "one way document" from the Rumanian Government, valid for the trip to the United States.

He was "very disappointed" to find that the boys had not the slightest conception of what life in the United States is like.

He would not talk about their life in Rumania except to say they had been "in a sort of trade school" and "also in a labour camp"—Reuter.

## Counsel's Claims In Winding-Up Petition

### Alleges Falconer's Used As Cover

"We are going to say that Mr M. W. H. Seymour is a mere employee of Mr J. B. Ipekjdian and Messrs Ipekjdian Bros. Ltd., and we are going to say, both on the evidence already before your Lordship and generally in cross-examination of these gentlemen, Mr Seymour and Mr Ipekjdian, that Ipekjdian Bros. are a firm engaged in business of an international nature, that they deal in exchange, and I say frankly that it is my case that these dealings are of a distinctly shady character and George Falconer and Co., (H.K.) Ltd., have been used by these people to afford a respectable cover for transactions which when analysed are distinctly suspect."

These allegations were made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioner in this course of his opening of a petition to wind up Messrs George Falconer and Co., (H.K.) Ltd., before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Bernacchi went on: "To take this example alone of Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, I say with confidence that Mr Seymour and Mr Ipekjdian, if they attempt to, will have the greatest difficulty in convincing your Lordship or any of us that that transaction could be said to be a legal transaction and yet they are involving the name of Falconer's, and having made a profit out of this transaction are keeping it themselves."

The petitioner, Mr James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20, Barga Circuit, and a former Director of Falconer's, is petitioning for the winding up of the Company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32.

Petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D.A.L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J. B. Ipekjdian and Mr M. W. H. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of Messrs George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs Hastings and Company, are appearing. Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr J.B. Ipekjdian and Mr M. W. H. (Contd. on back page, Col. 5)

Above are the first pictures to reach Hongkong of the Empire Windrush disaster in the Mediterranean a fortnight ago. Top photo shows the troopship ablaze while passengers and crew crawl down ropes to waiting lifeboats. Above, survivors being picked up while in the background the Empire Windrush billows clouds of smoke.—London Express.

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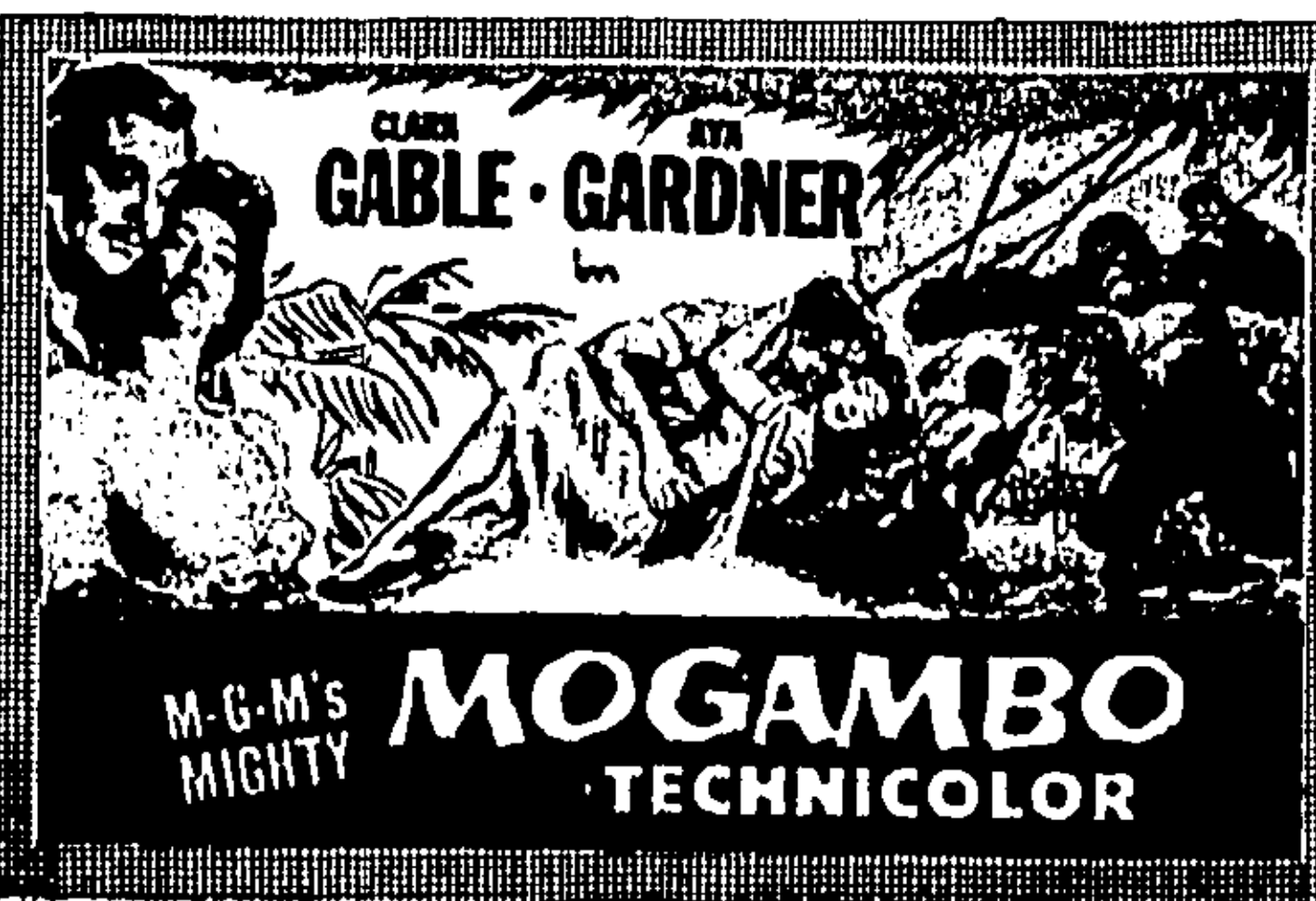


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Dissatisfied  
With UK Association

Paris, Apr. 12.

The five Gaullist Ministers in the French Cabinet tonight called on M. Joseph Laniel, the Prime Minister, to protest against "the insufficiency" of Britain's proposed association with the European Army.

They had refused earlier to approve the still-secret terms of the new treaty associating Britain with the EDC on the grounds that it would imply their support of the European Army.

The five Gaullist Ministers, before calling on the Premier, held a meeting in the offices of a Minister of State, General Edouard Corniglion-Moliner.

They were joined there by two dissident Gaullist Ministers, Edmond Naracchin, Minister of

State in charge of constitutional reform, and Raymond Bode, Secretary of State for Commerce.

Apart from General Corniglion-Moliner, the four other Gaullist Ministers are Maurice Lemaire, Minister of Post, Marine, and Air; Secretary of State for Indo-China, Henri Ulvier, Secretary of State for the Budget.

The Gaullist Ministers told the Premier they considered the British proposals "too weak" to be regarded as fully meeting French requests for close British association with EDC.

Therefore, they argued, the French Government could not claim that one of its prerequisite conditions for ratification of the EDC treaty had been fulfilled.

The other French conditions are settlement of the Saar issue and guarantees from the United States.—Reuter.

Mr Truman  
Attacks  
US "Political  
Bogeymen"

New York, Apr. 12.

The former U.S. President, Mr Harry Truman, said today witch hunters were on the loose again, often cloaked with immunity, and armed with subpoenas and the cruel whiplash of unevaluated gossip.

In a reference to "political bogeymen" Mr Truman said "they are making a mockery of the very institutions they so callously pretend they are seeking to preserve."

He did not mention Senator McCarthy by name, but in an apparent reference to him he said, "There is even one among them whose torrent of wild charges is calculated to damage the faith of Americans in the integrity of their Government, army, schools, churches, their labour unions and the Press. Most of all, he is threatening to undermine the respect and confidence Americans must have in one another."

Mr Truman, speaking as the annual Green Foundation Lecturer at Westminster College at Fulton, said that the "political bogeymen" had no more respect for the due process of law and order than the Communists "they say they hate but whose methods they copy."

"These descendants of the ancient order of witch hunters have learned nothing from history," Mr Truman said. "They care nothing for history. They care less for the American traditions of law and order and fair play."

Mr Truman's remarks on "political bogeymen" came after he had delivered a history of "mass hysteria" in the United States, starting with the Salem witchcraft executions of 1692 and concluding with the activities of Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's.

Mr Truman recalled his appearance on the same platform eight years ago when he introduced the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, as the lecturer. He praised Sir Winston as "one of the world's greatest men."

## FROM THE BRITISH

"It is from the British that we have inherited the concept that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty," said Mr Truman.

"Today crude and sinister men are trying to destroy this concept and to shake the very foundation of our freedom based on the due process of law."

Mr Truman said history was filled with examples of temporary mob excitement, stirred by "false or exaggerated" charges and resulting in injury to innocent persons.

This type of hysteria, he said, usually took root in an atmosphere of war, severe economic crisis or a threat of either.

He hoped America would "always stand as a citadel of freedom of thought and freedom of speech."

"The way for us to spread Democracy is to practice it ourselves. In times such as these, our colleges and universities have a very special obligation to maintain freedom of thought and inquiry," he added.—United Press.

Malan's Move  
To Get British  
Territories

Capetown, Apr. 12.

The South African Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, today asked the House of Assembly to support the incorporation of the three British territories in Southern Africa into the Union.

Dr Malan announced last week that he would seek approval for resumed negotiations with Britain on the transfer of one million Africans in the British High Commission Territories of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland.

He said today a petition would have to be presented to the British Government in the name of the House of Assembly if negotiations are resumed and prove satisfactory.

Intermittent talks on the future of the territories were held between 1913 and 1939. But the British Government has never agreed to their transfer as the Africans in the territories have rejected any change of Government.

A resolution presented by Dr Malan asked for the transfer of the territories, which cover an area of 293,420 square miles, almost completely enveloped by South Africa, "as soon as possible."

## IMMEDIATE STEPS

To this end the Government urged "immediate steps" for the resumption of the 1939 negotiations with Britain.

The British South Africa Act of 1909, creating the Union of South Africa and the three territories, anticipated that they might "later be transferred to the Union, but pledged that the Africans and the British Parliament would be consulted first."

The protectorates were part of South Africa "territorially, historically and economically," Dr Malan maintained.

"If one imagines how the British Government would shudder if Wales was administered by the United States or Canada, one would realise how inadvisable it is that these three territories should be ruled by a Government outside South Africa."

"It is an intolerable encroachment on South Africa's natural rights and self respect. It is high time there was a change," —Reuter.

Colour Films Of H-Bomb  
Tests To Be Released

Washington, Apr. 12.

The Government has lifted its ban on foreign showing of colour films of the 1952 hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific, it was disclosed today.

A Civil Defence Administration spokesman said that foreign news agencies or commercial concerns wanting copies of the colour film of "Operation Ivy" may obtain them from a commercial firm here for \$8.55 each. He added that the only request so far was from France, for a black and white film.

A top-level policy decision of the Administration previously banned foreign distribution of colour movies of the November, 1952, explosion.

Informed sources said the ban was based on the belief that colour reproductions of what the bomb could do would have too great an emotional impact on nations already nervous about the tests.

The Civil Defence spokesman was unable to explain why the ban was revoked. He said merely that "upon review" the Government decided to release it.

One reason for revocation of the ban may have been because televised excerpts of the black-and-white film got a lukewarm reception in Britain when shown there recently. The British Broadcasting Company reported "practically no audience reaction."—United Press.

## Complaints By Israel, Jordan

Security Council  
Held Up By  
Procedural Dispute

United Nations, Apr. 12.

The United Nations Security Council convened today to consider complaints by Jordan and Israel on renewed violence in Palestine.

The two complaints came before the Council last Thursday but a procedural dispute lasting more than three hours blocked opening of debate on the issues.

The Arabs demanded that the questions be discussed separately. The Russian delegate Mr Andrei Vyshinsky asked the Council members to adopt the provisional agenda and then proceed to examine the order in which the two complaints would be taken up.

The Danish delegate Mr William Borberg recalled that at last Thursday's meeting Brazil made a suggestion on the Council's procedure in this case.

The Brazilian delegate Senor Hugo Goulthier then offered a new proposal for getting the debate under way.

The Brazilian-Colombian suggestion was outlined by Senor Goulthier as follows:

1. Adopt the provisional agenda.  
2. Hold a general discussion.  
3. The Security Council should not commit itself at this stage as to the separate or joint character of any resolution the Council may adopt.

## VYSHINSKY'S VIEW

Mr Vyshinsky then spoke in his capacity as Soviet delegate, rather than as Council President.

He said the two cases were not at all alike. He said that Britain, in asking for a general Palestine debate, had not made any "articulate proposal."

"There was no articulate statement as to what the Security Council would be expected to examine," said Mr Vyshinsky.

The British delegate Sir Piers Dixon supported the Brazilian-Colombian suggestion as a "suitable compromise." He said he was "astounded" by the Vyshinsky conclusion.

"To my mind there is no inconsistency," said Sir Piers. "In each case it must depend on circumstances. My government considers that the trouble along the Israel border demands general discussion."

He did not think that piecemeal discussion of the Palestine question was the best procedure.

"An incident such as that at Nahalín, in which the Mixed Armistice Commission found Israel guilty, is certainly a matter for Council consideration," said Sir Piers. "I firmly believe the Council will wish to give this complaint the full consideration it deserves."

He said the Palestine situation had undoubtedly been deteriorating.

## "JUST SOLUTION"

The French delegate M. Hopenot also endorsed the Latin American proposal as a "just and honourable solution."

The US delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, then added his

endorsement to the South American suggestion.

Dr Charles Malik (Lebanon) said the Brazilian proposal was "admirable" but said he could improve on it. He said the trouble with that suggestion was that it did not guarantee the Arabs that any action at all would be taken on the Nahalín incident.

"I suggest either that we have a general debate with the certainty that specific action for which we are calling will be allowed afterward, or that we proceed to specific action now and then immediately follow it with a general debate."

Dr Malik emphasised that he wanted the Council's promise for a resolution on Nahalín would be voted on either before or after the general debate. The Lebanese delegate noted that a new conciliatory tone had appeared in the delegates' speeches today. He said, "I believe such a tone will prove helpful in the long run."

Dr Malik said that resort to reprisals and retaliation in Palestine must stop. "Then the entire picture in the Near East will be altered," he said.

## ARAB POSITION

Dr Malik summarised for the Council members the Arab position. It included the following points:

1. "We presented a complaint in good order and we want it debated and we want the Security Council to take a decision on it."

2. The only precedent involved is that there are two separate complaints and they should not be debated together. He said, "We are dealing with loss of life, with an act of aggression which was acted upon by an appropriate organ of the U.N. We had no such case at the moment we were discussing the problem of the Suez Canal."

3. The Arabs will never allow the Nahalín incident to be "befuddled" by other issues. Dr Malik said: "We fear that an attempt is being made in high quarters to smother and obscure and, if possible, efface the incident at Nahalín. We will fight it to the last minute."

After Dr Malik finished speaking Mr Leslie Knox Munro (New Zealand) proposed that the Council adjourn until Thursday. The proposal was adopted seven to one with three abstentions. The Lebanon and the United States, Colombia and Brazil abstained.—United Press.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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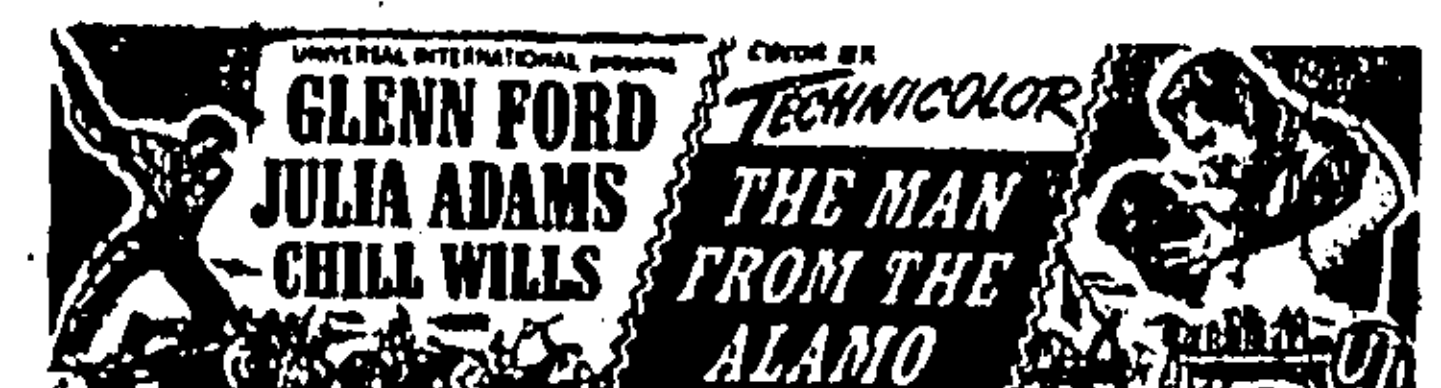
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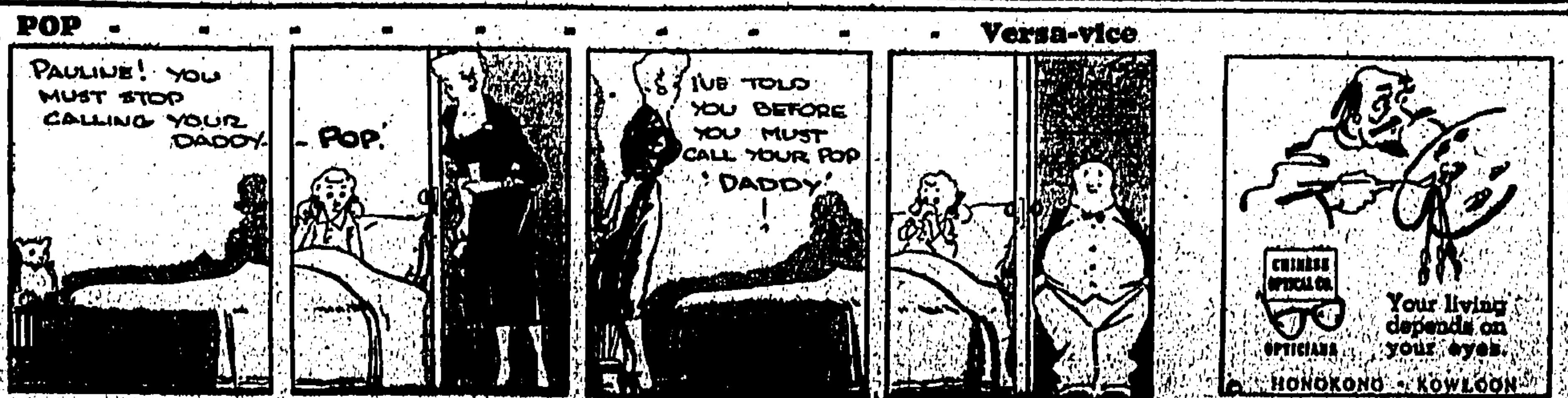
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# VIETNAM TO FIGHT ON UNTIL VICTORY

## Burchett Now In Indo-China

London, Apr. 12. Communist war correspondent Wilfred Burchett, who reported the Korean war from the Communist side, sent a dispatch from Indo-China today.

In a report to the London Daily Worker dated from "somewhere in North Vietnam," Burchett said he had been in Indo-China for about a month. He said he had covered "thousands of miles through mountains and jungles" meeting Communist leaders.

He said the Geneva conference starting on April 26 represented the only alternative to a "dishonourable defeat" for the French. He added that American aid to the French will make defeat "the more dishonourable."

He said the price of a negotiated peace in Indo-China would be complete independence for all Indo-Chinese states. — United Press.

## Coalition Inevitable In Belgium

Brussels, Apr. 12. Young King Baudouin of the Belgians tonight faced the first major political crisis of his reign after the collapse of the Catholic Government's four-year-old majority in yesterday's general election.

The Catholic Prime Minister, M. Jean Van Rooye, formally handed his Cabinet's resignation to the King today.

It is now the turn of the Party Presidents to be summoned to the Palace for consultations in which the Socialists are likely to play a key role.

The Catholics, though still the largest party, now hold only 95 of the 212 seats in the Lower House, a loss of 13.

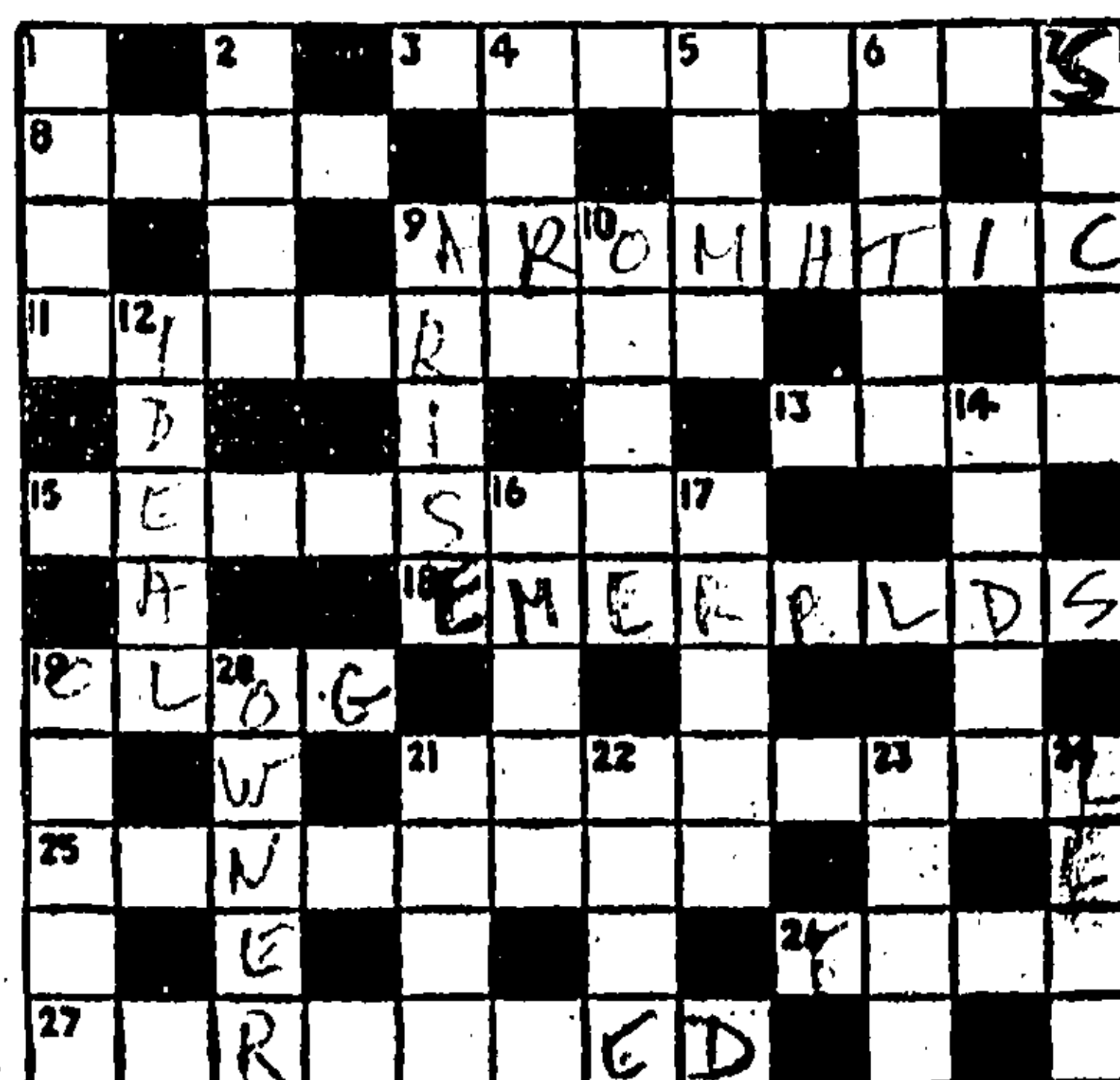
The Socialists have 87 seats, a gain of 10.

Some form of coalition seems inevitable. But M. Theo Lefevre, National President of the Social-Christian (Catholic) Party, declared: "I am personally in favour of my Party going into opposition rather than making a pact with the Socialists."

M. Max Buset, Socialist Party Chairman, called former Prime Minister Paul-Henri Spaak and other executive members to talks today on whether the Party should join forces with the Catholics or form a coalition with the Liberals who increased their strength in the Lower House from 10 seats to 24.

Socialist-Liberal coalition would have an overall majority of 10 seats, according to the semi-official results. — Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Flowers (8).
  - Clever (4).
  - Fragrant (8).
  - Set free (8).
  - Tackle (4).
  - Refrained from (8).
  - Items of jewellery (8).
  - Wooden shoe (4).
  - Hidden (8).
  - Player (8).
  - Rapid (4).
  - Dashed about (8).
- DOWN**
- Lofty (4).
  - Social centre (4).
  - Italian coin, and (4).
  - American one (4).
  - Eccentric (8).
  - Make liable (8).
  - Got up (8).
  - Animal (8).
  - Perfect (8).
  - Debate (8).
  - Narrow (8).
  - Here (8).
  - Droll (8).
  - Posterior (8).
  - Eye affection (4).
  - Yield (4).
  - Attraction (4).
  - Tax (4).

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## Prince Buu Loc's Pledge To Oppose Communists

Saigon, Apr. 13. The Vietnamese Premier, Prince Buu Loc, said today his country would continue the war against the Vietminh until victory.

As long as the Communist-led rebels tried to impose their will upon Vietnam his country was determined to oppose the realisation of the Communist "dream of hegemony," he said.

The Premier was speaking at the inauguration of a bridge named after Nguyen Hoang who 4,000 years ago founded the kingdom of Van Lang, ancient Vietnam.

After paying a tribute to the gallant defenders of Dien Bien Phu, Prince Buu Loc directly addressed the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Donald Heath, who was present at the inauguration ceremony and expressed Vietnam's gratitude for U.S. aid.

"The United States did not limit its support to material aid, however important it may be. The moral support we receive from the United States is not less precious to us. The U.S. Government, Congress, Press and public opinion are becoming more and more conscious of the importance of the struggle we carry on here against one of the forms of international Communism."

"What I want to obtain from the recent statements of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles is the spirit which inspired them. Vietnam will know how to profit by the lesson of determination which they show us."

Turning to Vietnam's war effort, the Premier said the Vietnamese army was practically non-existent three years ago but now included 330,000 men, plus 180,000 who do not belong to regular units. He said a total of 550,000 Vietnamese had been drafted.

After stating that 4,700 Vietnamese were among the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, Prince Buu Loc said the Vietnamese losses in 1953 comprised 220 officers, 1,000 non-commissioned officers and 15,143 men. — France-Press.

### DIEN BIEN PHU

Saigon, Apr. 12. The battle for Dien Bien Phu, though fierce, could not decide the issue of the Indo-China war, the Governor of the North Vietnam, Mr. Nguyen Hieu Thi, said today.

The war could only be won by arming the Vietnamese themselves, and the French and the Americans now understood this, he added.

"If we arm the peasants and ask them to defend the plots of land we can be sure they will do it," he declared.

## H-Bomb And The Church

Vatican City, Apr. 12. The Vatican newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, said today the development of ever more terrible weapons of destruction was due to the "practical banning of Christ which corrodes modern life."

The newspaper said in a front page article on the hydrogen bomb that accusations and reproaches now being launched from all sides were incoherent and vain.

"All share the responsibility of having denied the only eternal premises which would have excluded these effects," it declared. — Reuter.

**FIERCE ATTACK**

Berlin, Apr. 12. The East German Communists have launched a fierce attack on Bishop Otto Dibelius, titular head of the German Evangelical Church, for calling the hydrogen bomb "the best guarantee for peace."

The East German Government-controlled radio said, "Dibelius has made this atrocious anti-human statement as the peoples and Parliaments are demanding the ban and destruction of all weapons of mass destruction and the end of American atom bomb threat."

Bishop Dibelius, Bishop of Berlin and the Soviet Zone province of Brandenburg, said last week that the destructive power of the hydrogen and cobalt bombs was so great that Governments may fear to use them. — United Press.

## Eisenhower Sacks Housing Official

Washington, Apr. 12. President Eisenhower today dismissed the Federal Housing Commissioner, Mr. Guy T. C. Hollyday, for allegedly "illegal or unethical" actions and ordered all FHA files to be seized.

Hollyday's senior, the Federal Housing chief, Mr. Albert Cole, told a press conference the Government may have lost millions of dollars as a result.

The President ordered Mr. Cole to seize all FHA files and records and at the same time announced, through the White House Press Secretary, James Hagerty, that he would accept Mr. Hollyday's resignation. — United Press.



### Eventful Day In Ceylon

## The Queen Missed A Storm, Met A Red MP

Colombo, Apr. 12. A storm broke just before Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the Ceylon Turf Club's race meeting here today, soaking a Ceylon naval detachment lining the course.

But the 20-minute downpour had slackened off to a drizzle when the Queen and the Duke drove down the course, escorted by a detachment of mounted police who had to dip their lances as they passed under the starting gate.

## India's New Request To UN On H-Bomb

United Nations, Apr. 12. India today suggested that the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, be asked to seek periodic data from the H-bomb powers on the "horrible" consequences of the new thermonuclear weapon.

The suggestion carried one step further French journalist Nehru's proposal for "full publicity" on the destructive power and effects of H-bomb blasts.

Mr. Nehru's proposal was part of a four-point plan for dealing with the new dangers raised by man's discovery of the H-bomb secret. The entire blueprint, including a proposal for a "standstill agreement" on hydrogen bomb tests, has been put before the U.N. Disarmament Commission, which last week began a new effort to halt the H-bomb race.

The suggestion that Mr. Hammarskjöld be the instrument for bringing the facts on the new thermonuclear weapons before world public opinion was made by the Indian delegate, Mr. S. N. Mishra, at a meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council on freedom of information.

Britain formally submitted to the United Nations today her proposal for a five-Power Subcommittee consisting of representatives of the United States, Britain, France, Canada and Russia—to make a new effort to agree on control of atomic weapons and reduction of arms.

Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, introduced the proposal into the Disarmament Commission of 12 nations last Friday. Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, for Russia, and some other delegates asked for it to be put into writing. — Reuter and United Press.

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## Franco At Big Parade



General Franco seen during his review of the young falangists in the grounds of El Pardo Palace, Madrid, on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of Madrid, being captured by the Franco nationalist troops during the Civil War. More than 5,000 members of the Falange's Youth Front paid homage to the General. — Express Photo.

## 168,000 New Mouths Every Day

Bombay, Apr. 12. Dr. Julian Huxley said here that the population problem was the most serious problem in the world, more serious even than the problem posed by the atomic bomb.

Dr. Huxley said the world population was increasing at the spectacular rate of 168,000 children every 24 hours.

"Nowhere in the world has the population yet been stabilised. The expectation of life has gone up as a result of better hygiene and new discoveries in the field of medicine," he said.

He added that the control of disease, especially malaria, had given a terrific boost to the "survival rate."

Biologically and socially, it was fallacious to say that by manufacturing synthetic food-stuffs growing more food and exploiting barren lands, we could fight over-population. At the most such plans might be useful for a short time. Eventually, it would turn out to be a "hopeless race," he said.

Dr. Huxley referred to the Biblical injunction to "increase and multiply." He was now certain that the reverse was the case.

Speaking as a biologist, Dr. Huxley said he considered it immoral to dissuade people from studying population control. — United Press.

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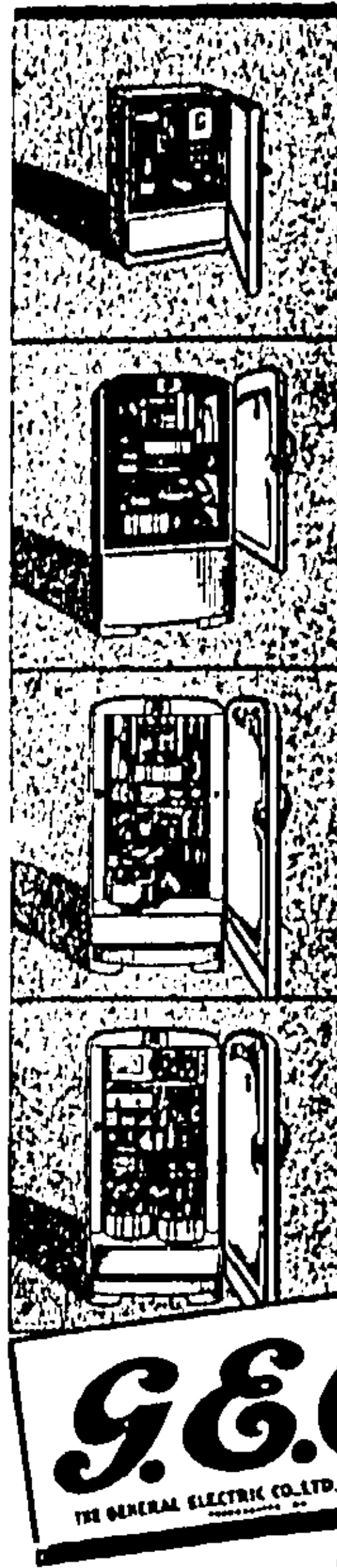
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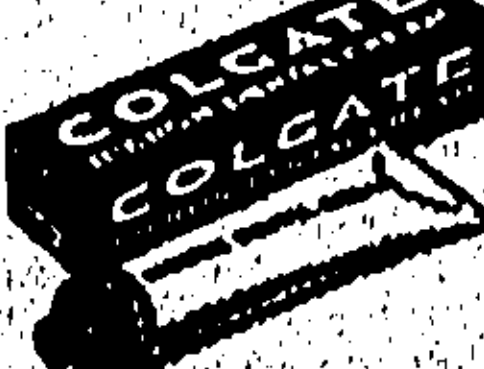
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### THE STORY SO FAR

GREGSON, a Scotland Yard detective, calls on Holmes. He has received a telegram from the Derbyshire police from which it appears that Lord Cope, Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, has been murdered on his ancestral guillotine at Arnsworth Castle. The local police inspector, Dawlish, has also, rather mysteriously, sent the County Guide and Gazette, giving the history of Lord Cope's ancestors, saying the contents should be studied. Dawlish suspects Lord Cope's cousin, Captain Jasper Lothian, of murdering the old man. Holmes, Watson and Gregson arrive at the castle and are admitted by Stephen, Lord Cope's devoted servant. Lady Cope is still sitting motionless, gazing at the beheaded body, when the detectives enter.

The body of a tall, thin man, his hands tied by bloodstained cloth, still lay on the guillotine. Dawlish believes there was a quarrel, after which Captain Lothian overpowered Lord Cope, killed him on the guillotine and escaped on a horse which is missing from the stables. But the victim's head has vanished. Holmes finds clues which indicate that the dead man was unconscious when put on the guillotine, that the machine had been freshly oiled and that the murderer was addicted to Turkish cigarettes. He goes to the stables, collects some straw and, to Watson's astonishment, carries it back to the house, where he calmly sets it alight. Seconds later there is a rush of feet and a cry of horror: "Fire!"

In that despairing wail, I recognised Stephen's voice. "Fire!" he shrieked again, and we caught the clatter of his footsteps as he fled across the hall. "Now!" whispered Holmes, and, in an instant, he was out of the cloakroom and running headlong for the library. The door was half open, but, as we burst in, the man drumming with hysterical hands on



Opening his fingers, he disclosed a small, empty phial.

the great fireplace did not even turn his head. "Fire! The house is on fire!" he shrieked. "Oh, my poor master! My lord! My lord!" Holmes's hand fell upon his shoulder. "A bucket of water in the cloakroom will meet the case," he said quietly. "It would be as well, however, if you would ask his lordship to join us."

The old man sprang at him, his eyes blazing and his fingers crooked like the talons of a vulture. "Trick!" he screamed. "I've betrayed him through your cursed tricks!" "Take him, Watson," said Holmes holding him at arm's length. "There, there. You're a faithful fellow."

"Faithful?" unto death," whispered the feeble voice. I started back involuntarily. The edge of the ancient fireplace had swung open and in the dark aperture thus disclosed there stood a tall thin man, so powdered with dust that for the moment I seemed to be staring not at a human being but at a spectre. He was about fifty years of age, gaunt and high-nosed, with a pair of sombre eyes that waxed and waned feverishly in a face that was the colour of grey paper.

"I fear that the dust it bothers," Holmes, very gently, "would you not be better seated?" The man tottered forward to drop heavily into an armchair. "You are the police, of course," he gasped.

"No, I am a private investigator, but acting in the interests of justice."

## THE MAN WHO NEVER EXISTED

By DENNIS BARDENS

IN the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, an artist was recently busy, with palette and brush, on one of the strangest commissions in history. He wasn't painting a picture; he was unpainting one. He wasn't portraying a person; he was removing from a picture already painted all trace of the man portrayed. A queer business indeed. A year ago Beria, head of the Soviet Secret Police, faithful henchman of Stalin, and one of the best-known and most hated men in the USSR, was honoured and fussed over wherever he went. Then, after Stalin's death, he was arrested, flung into gaol, denied all opportunity of self-defence, denounced by the State-controlled press and radio, tried in secret, condemned to death without right of appeal—and shot.

### Nothing New

There is nothing new in the technique of arbitrary arrest and execution. Communism is based on terrorism, which the more naive think justified by its ends, until and unless they become the victims of its injustice. By then it is usually too late to turn back. Beria, during his lifetime, sent hundreds of thousands to exile, imprisonment and death. He was able to do so because there was no democratic machinery to protect them from injustice; and lack of that machinery meant, in due course, Beria's own doom.

It is not Beria's death which makes history, but the extraordinary "confession" being made by the Communists to the world, from official records, all evidence that he was executed

His image was being obliterated from a group of Communists by Trotsky, part in the Revolution of 1917, had been a vital supporter of Lenin, President of the Petrograd Soviet, and as Commissar for War in 1918, helped to create the Red Army. Yet the younger generation in the USSR and other Communist countries are unlikely to know anything about him. During the past 35 years the history of Russia has been written and rewritten so often that it would be difficult, even for those amongst old and forgotten volumes, to find any mention of Trotsky at all.

Millions of books have been recalled, millions amended and millions expanded. The Communists are not content to kill his body with an assassin's bullet; it was essential to kill all memory of him as well.

Trotsky, like Beria, was a man who had used and advocated violence. It was, in fact, Trotsky who first introduced in Russia the evil system of seizing hostages or means of punishing or intimidating political offenders. Like Beria, he was a victim of the machine he helped to create.

# CONCLUDING THE ADVENTURE OF THE RED WIDOW

## The man with one aim... VENGEANCE

A bitter smile parted Lord Cope's lips. "Too late," said he. "You are ill?" "I am dying. Opening his fingers, he disclosed a small empty phial. "There is only a short time left to me."

"Is there nothing to be done, Watson?" "Nothing, Holmes."

"Lord Cope straightened himself painfully. 'Perhaps you will indulge a last curiosity by telling me how you discovered the truth,' said he. 'You must be a man of some perception.'"

"I confess that at first there were difficulties," admitted Holmes. "Though these dissolved themselves later in the light of events. Obviously the whole key to the problem lay in a conjunction of two remarkable circumstances—the use of a guillotine and the disappearance of the murdered man's head."

"Who I asked myself, would use so clumsy and bizarre an instrument, except one to whom it possessed some strong symbolic significance and if this were the case then it was logical to suppose that the clue to that significance must lie in its past history."

So much for the first circumstance, continued Holmes, ticking off the points on his fingers. "The second 'threw a flood of light over the whole problem. This is not New Guinea. Why, then, should a murderer take his victim's head? The obvious answer was that he wished to conceal the dead man's true identity. By the way," he demanded sternly, "what have you done with Captain Lothian's head?"

"I owe you no explanation," he said at last, "for it is to my Maker who alone knows the innermost recesses of the human heart that I must answer for my deed. Nevertheless, though my story is one of shame and guilt, I shall tell you enough to enlighten perhaps your forbearance in granting me my final request."

"You must know, then, that following the scandal which brought his army career to its close, my cousin Jasper Lothian has lived at Arnsworth. Though penniless and already notorious for his evil living, I welcomed him as a kinsman, affording him not only financial support but, what was perhaps more valuable, the social acie of my position in the country."

"As I look back now on the years that passed, I blame myself for my own lack of principle in my failure to put an end to his extravagance, his drinking and gaming, and certain less honourable pursuits with which rumour already linked his name. I had thought him wild and injudicious. I was yet to learn that he was a creature so vile and utterly devoid of honour that he would tarnish the name of his own house."

"That 'making an un-person' is an established technique under Communism can be seen by comparing statements made before Beria's trial with actions after it. His secret trial and execution could, of course, be foreseen from the hysterical campaign of hatred which the Communist government fomented through its press and radio, and from mass meetings of 'indignation' organised by the Communist Party throughout the USSR."

"The name of Beria is cursed and will be for ever forgotten by the Soviet people," wrote Mikhail Sholokhov in the Literary Gazette on July 16, 1953. "His present 'betrayal' was put in hand long before he was put to his death."

"Stephen and I buried it at midnight in the family vault," came the feeble reply. "And that with all reverence."

"The rest was simple," went on Holmes. "As the body was easily identifiable as yours by the clothes and other personal belongings which were listed by the local inspector, it followed naturally that there could have been no point in concealing the head unless the murderer had also changed clothes with the dead man. That the change had been effected before death was shown by the blood-stains."

"The victim had been incapacitated in advance, probably drugged, for it was plain from certain facts already explained

"I had married a woman considerably younger than myself, a woman as remarkable for her beauty as for her romantic yet singular temperament which she had inherited from her Spanish forebears. It was the old story, and when at long last I awoke to the dreadful truth it was also to the knowledge that only one thing remained for me in life—vengeance. Vengeance against this man who had disgraced my name and abused the honour of my house."

"On the night in question, Lothian and I sat late over our wine in this very room. I had contrived to drug his port and before the effects of the

narcotic could deaden his senses I told him of my discovery and that death alone could wipe out the score we incurred back at me that in killing him I would merely put myself on the scaffold and expose my wife's shame to the world. When I explained my plan, the sneer was gone from his face and the terror of death freezing in his black heart. The next you know, as the drug deprived him of his senses, I changed clothes with him, bound his hands with a sash torn from the door curtain and carried him across the courtyard to the museum, to the guillotine which had been built for another's infamy."

"When it was over, I summoned Stephen and told him the truth. The old man never heeded in his loyalty to his wretched master. Together we buried the head in the family vault and then, seizing a mare from the stable he rode it across the moor to convey an impression of flight and finally left it concealed in a lonely farm owned by his sister. All that remained was for me to disappear."

"Arnsworth, like many mansions belonging to families that had been Catholic in the olden times, possessed a Priest's Hole. There I have lain concealed, emerging only at night into the library to lay my final instructions upon my faithful servant."

"I confirmed my suspicion as to your proximity," interposed Holmes, "by leaving no fewer than five smears of Turkish tobacco ash upon the rug. But what was your ultimate intention?"

"In taking vengeance for the greatest wrong which one man can do to another, I had successfully protected our name from the shame of the scaffold. I assure you that the discovery of my hiding place has advanced the event by only an hour or so. I had left a letter for Stephen, begging him as his final devoir that he would bury my body secretly in the vaults of my ancestors."

"There, Gentlemen, is my story. I am the last of the old line and it lies with you whether

or not it shall go out in dishonour."

Sherlock Holmes laid a hand upon his.

"It is perhaps as well that it has been pointed out to us already that my friend Watson and I are here in an entirely private capacity," said he quietly, "I am about to summon Stephen, for I cannot help feeling that you would be more comfortable if he carried this chair into the Priest's hole and closed the sliding panel after you."

We had to bend our heads to catch Lord Jocelyn's response. "Then a Higher Tribunal will judge my crime," he whispered faintly, "and the tomb shall devour my secret, Farewell, and may a dying man's blessing rest upon you."

OUR journey back to London was both chilly and depressing. With nightfall, the snow had commenced, and Holmes was in his least communicative mood, staring out of the window at the scattered lights of villages and farm houses that periodically flitted past in the darkness.

The Old Year is nodding to its fall," he remarked suddenly, "and in the hearts of all these kindly simple folk awaiting the midnight chiming dwells the perennial anticipation that what is to come will be better than

what has been. Hope, however ingenious and disproven by past experience, remains the one supreme panacea for all the knoed and hunes which life moses out to us." He leaned back and began to stuff his pipe with shag.

"Should you eventually write an account of this curious affair in Derbyshire," he went on, "I would suggest that a suitable title would be the Red Widow."

"I am surprised that you noticed the colour of her hair," I replied. "Refer, Watson, to the popular sobriquet for a guillotine in the days of the French Revolution," he said severely.

THE hour was late when, at last, we reached our old lodgings in Baker Street where Holmes, after poking up the fire, lost a moment in donning his mouse-coloured dressing gown.

"It is approaching midnight," I observed, and as I would wish to be with my wife when this year of 1887 draws to its close, I must be on my way. Let me wish you a Happy New Year, my dear fellow."

"I heartily reciprocate your good wishes, Watson," he replied. "Pray bear my greetings to your wife and my apologies for my temporary absence."

I had reached the deserted street and, pausing for a moment to raise my collar against the swirl of the snowflakes, I was about to set out on my walk when my attention was arrested by the strains of a violin. Involuntarily, I raised my eyes to the window of our old sitting-room and there sharply outlined against the lamplight blind, was the shadow of Sherlock Holmes.

Like a profile which I knew so well, the slight stoop of his shoulders as he bent over his fiddle, the rise and fall of the bow-tip. But surely this was no dreamy Italian air, no complicated improvisation of his own creation, that drifted down to me through the stillness of that bleak winter's night.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to min? Should auld acquaintance be forgot And days o' auld lang syne." A snowflake must have drifted into my eyes for, as I turned away, the gaslamps glimmering down the desolate expanse of Baker Street seemed strangely blurred.



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Like a profile which I knew so well, the slight stoop of his shoulders as he bent over his fiddle, the rise and fall of the bow-tip. But surely this was no dreamy Italian air, no complicated improvisation of his own creation, that drifted down to me through the stillness of that bleak winter's night.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to min? Should auld acquaintance be forgot And days o' auld lang syne." A snowflake must have drifted into my eyes for, as I turned away, the gaslamps glimmering down the desolate expanse of Baker Street seemed strangely blurred.

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## Russians Buying Flying Saucer

By GEORGE ANNESLEY

THE Russians are out to buy blueprints of the world's only known Flying Saucer. A top Soviet aviation engineer arrived in this Italian port recently aboard a Russian freighter. He passed through the customs as an ordinary seaman, then, speaking perfect Italian, called a taxi and hurried to an address given him by a member of the Soviet Embassy in Rome.

It was the workshop of Italian marine-engineer Sotphone Mattolin, the inventor of a flying saucer, a radio-controlled scale model of which was immediately shown last year to a number of Italian defence experts, who

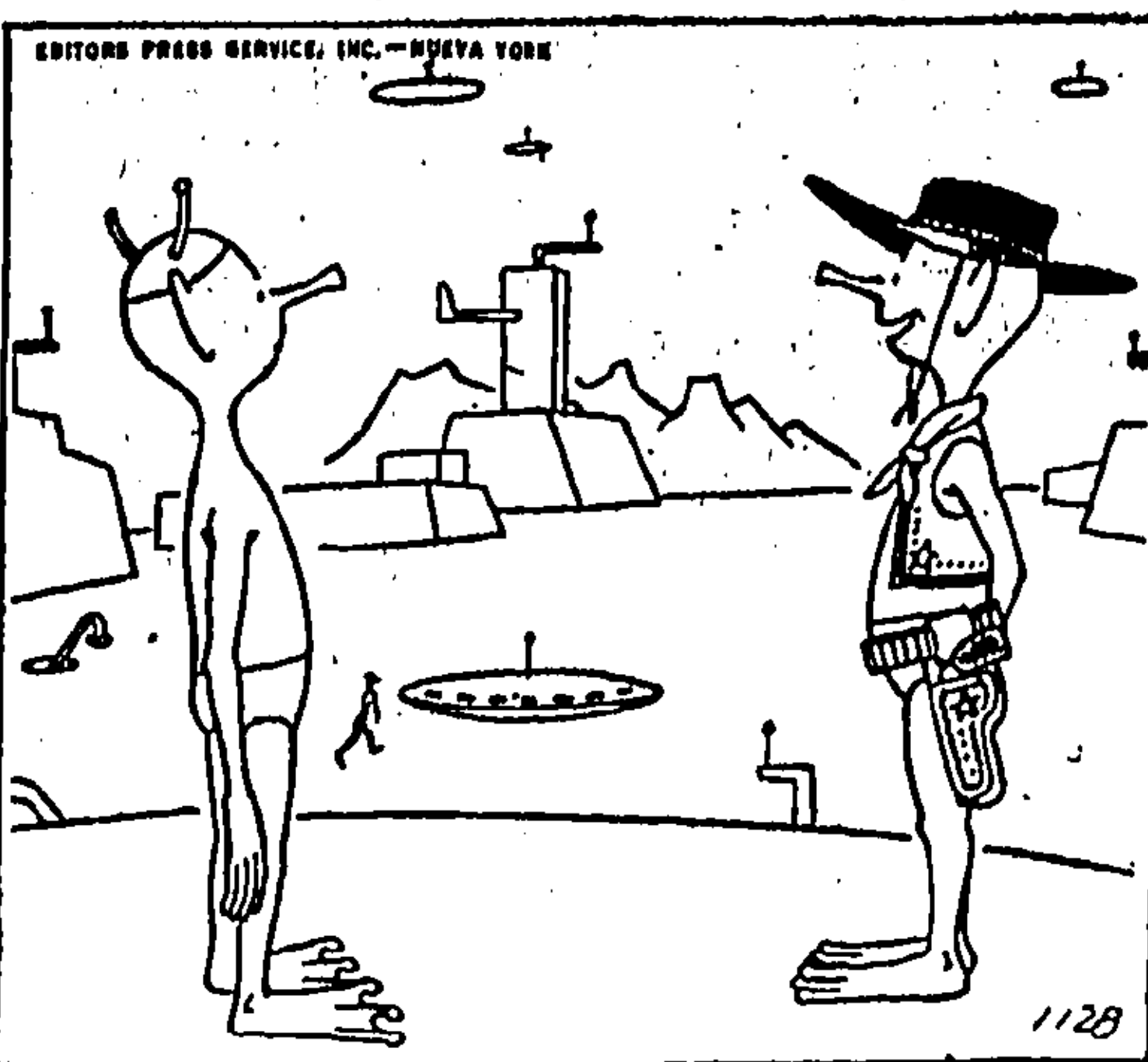
The Italian claims his Flying Saucer, a sphere of duralumin weighing five tons, will scale speeds up to 2,000 miles an hour. Its two specially adapted jet engines would carry six passengers and cargo over a non-stop distance of 12,000 miles.

The aircraft, however, needs a special launching tower and must land on water. After reading the first reports of Flying Saucers, the Italian engineer began to try to design one. He succeeded but found a no one in Italy willing to finance the project.

But while the French hesitated about building a full-scale prototype, Americans, and the Soviet Embassy in Rome, approached inventor Mattolin.

Wondering about the security of his model, the Italian shipped it to the strong rooms of a Swiss bank. The package was marked as containing "religious" documents. The other day the unnamed Soviet aviation expert arrived in Genoa. He quickly talked in terms of nearly one million sterling for complete rights. Unless America, France or Italy begin to talk in such terms, it looks as though the Russians will do a deal.





## • BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

THE report last week that a farmer whose footpaths were muddy had been denounced, warned, and threatened with eviction has stirred the Society for the Prevention of Farming and the Anti-Farm League to action.

They may expect the full support of the various agricultural committees and boards and councils in their new campaign. A long report has been sent in, dealing with the Menace of Manure, and giving a list of names of farmers who desecrate or televise centres by manure, and fields that are already disgustfully muddy and unhygienic.

### Nothing to do with me

THE invention of a wallpaper that will button up to the wall and can thus be taken off for cleaning, is an odd idea. A well-dressed man who leaves the button button of his waistcoat undone will be able to go in and out at his leisure.

### I don't think so

MARKET prices of fish are sent out by telegram by the trade. As this will now increase the price of fish, the public will probably relate by sending telegrams in code, and pretending that the message is connected with fish.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

BORN today, you have conspicuous success in the fields of literature and art. You are a good public speaker, too, and are full of original ideas and plans which you like to see developed. You men would make fine politicians.

Although you have a rather retiring nature, your talents are likely to push you forward into affairs even despite your own wishes. You are a natural leader in a quiet, unassuming fashion, which seems to be "born". Once you have set your mind and heart on something, you will never rest until it is accomplished.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Something vitally important may happen today. Concentrate on making an important decision. Avoid pettiness. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—It will be better if you do not deviate from routine matters today. Follow the "straight and narrow".

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make the widest possible use of your native talents at this time and you can make exceptional progress. CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Make new friends, or, at least, but hold fast to those who have stood by you in years past, too.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have not been writing letters lately don't expect to receive any, either. Catch up on your correspondence. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If the tide of opposition is too strong just now, relax and ride along for a while. Things will change presently.

LITHA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Emotionalism solves no problems today. Use your good common sense and be as calm as only you can be. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Alertness can turn an opportunity into your way. Take full advantage of it to make a profitable advance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Even if there is considerable opposition to your point of view, stick to your guns. It can be important. CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Be sure that you don't miss a second chance at something you muffed once before. This time take it.

You women are very popular with men. You have many admirers and will have numerous opportunities to meet new people. You are a great success in the field of love. You are a great success in the field of love.

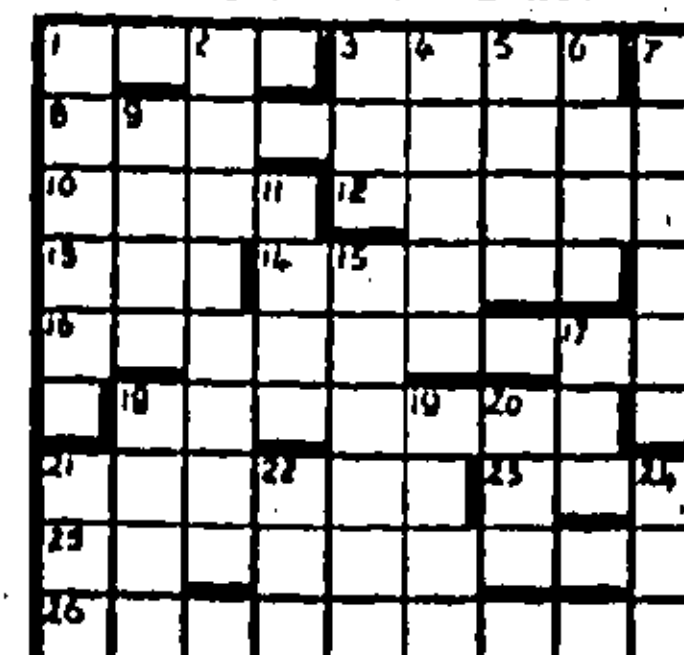
Among those who were born on this date are: Thomas Jefferson, inventor of the telegraph; John W. Davis, statesman; Harold F. Stassen, statesman; Sidney H. Fay, historian; and Wm. H. Brundage, athlete.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Consider all sides of a proposed change, before you really make up your mind to do it now.

### CROSSWORD



- Across
1. If you're in trouble, do this to the music. (4)
2. They are counted against the side. (4)
3. Triangle known to Euclid. (6)
4. Six-sixths of the season. (6)
5. Gannet without the girl. (5)
6. So are in the desert. (5)
7. Stores can provide them—or can take. (6)
8. Make good. (7)
9. Disagree. (5)
10. Slinky dog. (5)
11. Faint fence (anag.). (9)
12. Tense 1 vex for a change. (9)
- Down
1. He cave makes a piece of music. (4)
2. You want two—one on each side. (4)
3. Most of 1 Acres. (5)
4. What will hit your dough. (6)
5. Outwitted—but no yoting. (6)
6. Seven without five. (6)
7. Tasty on toast. (6)
8. To find the kind of order it draws looks close ahead. (6)
9. Before (5)
10. The hoodoo. (4)
11. Flat marshy country. (8)
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**SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

Across: 1. RHYTHM; 2. TWO; 3. ACRES; 4. DOUGH; 5. OUTWITTED; 6. SEVEN; 7. TASTY; 8. ORDER; 9. BEFORE; 10. HOODOO; 11. MARSH; 12. OLD; 13. C; 14. BACKWARD.

Down: 1. MUSIC; 2. SIDE; 3. ACRES; 4. DOUGH; 5. OUTWITTED; 6. SEVEN; 7. TASTY; 8. ORDER; 9. BEFORE; 10. HOODOO; 11. MARSH; 12. OLD; 13. C; 14. BACKWARD.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

### Game Made By Conceding A Trick...

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is taken from "Vital Tricks," a collection of 52 instructive hands, by the great Boston expert, Frank Ferking. West leads the king of diamonds and continues the suit until South ruffs the third round. How should South then continue in order to make his contract?

South should expect to find the king of clubs in the West hand. Hence a finesse would merely allow West to capture the queen or jack of clubs with the king.

Instead of trying a club finesse, South leads a low club towards dummy immediately. (It would be about equally good to cash the ace of clubs first.) If West takes the king of clubs, South has no further trouble. Declarer can draw trumps and get to dummy with the king of hearts eventually to discard losing hearts on the queen and jack of clubs.

West can prevent this by refusing to take the king of clubs. This limits South to two club tricks.

Now, however, South has no club loser. He can make his contract if he can limit the loss in hearts to one trick. This can be done if each opponent has three hearts, but South should not rely on such good luck.

The correct play is to concede a low heart to the enemy at once. South can win a return, draw two rounds of trumps with the king and ace.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 7 2		♠ J 8 3	
♥ K 9		♥ J 10 7 6	
♦ 9 7 5		♦ 8 6 2	
♣ Q J 6 3		♣ 10 5 4	
WEST		EAST	
♠ 10 5		♠ J 8 3	
♥ K 4		♥ J 10 7 6	
♦ A K Q 10 3		♦ 8 6 2	
♣ K 9 8 2		♣ 10 5 4	
SOUTH (D)		EAST	
♠ A 9 8 2		♠ J 8 3	
♥ A 8 5 3		♥ J 10 7 6	
♦ A 4		♦ 8 6 2	
♣ A 7		♣ 10 5 4	
Both sides vul.		EAST	
♠ 10 5		♠ J 8 3	
♥ K 4		♥ J 10 7 6	
♦ A K Q 10 3		♦ 8 6 2	
♣ K 9 8 2		♣ 10 5 4	
Opening lead—♦ K		EAST	
♠ 10 5		♠ J 8 3	
♥ K 4		♥ J 10 7 6	
♦ A K Q 10 3		♦ 8 6 2	
♣ K 9 8 2		♣ 10 5 4	

and then take the king and ace of hearts. South is well aware of the fact that one trump is still out, but it is quite safe to cash the hearts in each opponent has three hearts.

As it happens, the hearts are 4-2, but the long hearts are in the same hand as the long trumps. East must follow suit on the second and third rounds of hearts. South next ruffs his last heart with dummy's last trump, and East must again follow suit. There is no further problem.

### • CARD SENSE •

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart Pass 2 Clubs Pass 2 Diamonds Pass ?

Q—You, South, hold: Spades 3-2, Hearts Q-J-7-3, Diamonds 6-2, Clubs A-K-Q-8-5. What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. You have 12 points in high cards, 1 point extra for the queen of partner's bid suit, and 2 points for the two doubletons. This is more than enough for game opposite an opening bid when you have so fine a fit for a major suit. You could have made the same foretelling response of three hearts at your first turn if you had chosen to do so.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

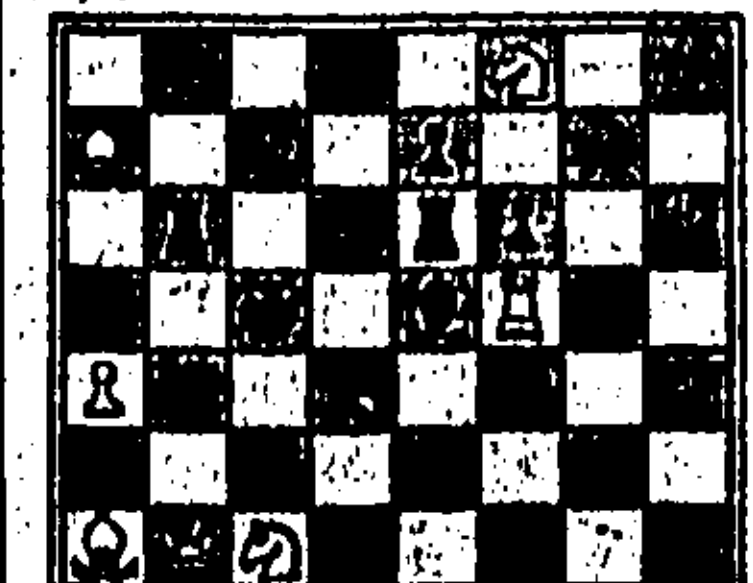
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-3-2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds K-8-2, Clubs A-Q-J-8-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### CHESS PROBLEM

By W. HOEK

Black, 6 pieces



White, 6 pieces  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution: 1. Qd1-e2, 2. Qe2-f3, 3. Qf3-g4, 4. Qg4-h5, 5. Qh5-g6, 6. Qg6-h7, 7. Qh7-g8, 8. Qg8-h8, 9. Qh8-g7, 10. Qg7-h6, 11. Qh6-g5, 12. Qg5-h4, 13. Qh4-g3, 14. Qg3-h2, 15. Qh2-g1, 16. Qg1-h1, 17. Qh1-g2, 18. Qg2-h3, 19. Qh3-g4, 20. Qg4-h5, 21. Qh5-g6, 22. Qg6-h7, 23. Qh7-g8, 24. Qg8-h8, 25. Qh8-g7, 26. Qg7-h6, 27. Qh6-g5, 28. Qg5-h4, 29. Qh4-g3, 30. Qg3-h2, 31. Qh2-g1, 32. Qg1-h1, 33. Qh1-g2, 34. Qg2-h3, 35. Qh3-g4, 36. Qg4-h5, 37. Qh5-g6, 38. Qg6-h7, 39. Qh7-g8, 40. Qg8-h8, 41. Qh8-g7, 42. Qg7-h6, 43. Qh6-g5, 44. Qg5-h4, 45. Qh4-g3, 46. Qg3-h2, 47. Qh2-g1, 48. Qg1-h1, 49. Qh1-g2, 50. Qg2-h3, 51. Qh3-g4, 52. Qg4-h5, 53. Qh5-g6, 54. Qg6-h7, 55. Qh7-g8, 56. Qg8-h8, 57. Qh8-g7, 58. Qg7-h6, 59. Qh6-g5, 60. Qg5-h4, 61. Qh4-g3, 62. Qg3-h2, 63. Qh2-g1, 64. Qg1-h1, 65. Qh1-g2, 66. Qg2-h3, 67. Qh3-g4, 68. Qg4-h5, 69. Qh5-g6, 70. Qg6-h7, 71. Qh7-g8, 72. Qg8-h8, 73. Qh8-g7, 74. Qg7-h6, 75. Qh6-g5, 76. Qg5-h4, 77. Qh4-g3, 78. Qg3-h2, 79. Qh2-g1, 80. Qg1-h1, 81. Qh1-g2, 82. Qg2-h3, 83. 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## JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHNNY POMEROY AND  
EDUARDO MARQUEZ-LIM  
REACH SEMI-FINALS

By "ARGONAUT"

Top-seeded Johnny Pomeroy, Jr. and Eduardo Marquez-Lim yesterday qualified for the semi-finals of the Colony Men's Junior Singles Badminton Championship as the tournament continued to make further progress at Recreio.

Although a good standard was maintained it was noticeable that a number of the contestants, whether winners or losers, found it extremely difficult to give of their best owing to the very slippery condition of the floor.

As quarter-finalists and semi-finalists yesterday's contestants certainly deserved better playing conditions than they had.

Playing at near top form, Pomeroy was hardly extended by Craigengower's M. A. Ebrahim in his comfortable two-set win of 15-4 and 15-10. Ebrahim made a strong stand at the start of both sets, but gradually withered away under the barrage of powerful smashes, and forcing shots from his opponent.

In the first set Pomeroy was held to 4-4 before drawing away to 7-4, 11-4 and set. In the second Pomeroy took an early 2-0 lead, but Ebrahim came back with four points in a

row to overtake his opponent at 4-2. Errors in drop shots by his opponent and excellent anticipation on Pomeroy's part at this stage enabled him to forge ahead to 6-4.

Ebrahim pluckily held on at 8-6 only to see Pomeroy move ahead to 9-6. Still fighting, Ebrahim closed up to 10-11, but could do little from then onwards as Pomeroy held a firm grip on the game to score four points in a row for set and match.

## THE FULL DISTANCE

The other singles match of the evening between the two leading schoolboy shuttlers, Marquez-Lim and Wong Shiu-kwong, went the full distance of three sets before it was won

by Marquez-Lim by 15-6, 8-15 and 15-8.

It was a grand tussle between offence and defence with offence carrying the day. Marquez-Lim yesterday gave a much more impressive display than when he eliminated Schoolboy Champion Ko Wal-bong. Scoring repeatedly with deadly smashes he put into effective use an additional weapon in the delayed push-stroke. Wong Shiu-kwong, however, put up an equally creditable display, especially in the third set, when he not only held the winner to 8-6 but took the lead at 8-6 when they changed court.

Errors by Wong and a brilliant spell by Marquez-Lim enabled the latter to reel off five points in a row.

In another upsurge, Lim reached 13-8 and although Wong managed to regain the service on two more occasions, he could make no further headway as Lim completed the set and match with a smash and an error by his opponent.

## MEN'S DOUBLES

In the only Men's Doubles match of the evening, top-seeded Albert Tam and Jimmy Ku met with strong opposition from University's K. L. Hui and S. T. Hui before emerging triumphant by 6-16, 15-6, and 13-2 to qualify for the semi-finals.

The winners could do nothing right in the first set being especially unable to get their services over or strike an understanding.

Settling down from the opening service, Hui and Ku raced off to a 6-0 lead with some fine smashes and, although strongly challenged at 8-6 and 10-0, romped home after the first set after four successive errors by their opponents.

The second set saw the exact reverse as Tam gradually got his services in an Ku began to put into effective use his tremendous smashes.

The third set found the winners well warmed up for a sustained attacking game which they never relaxed until set and match was reached at 15-2.

## LADIES' DOUBLES

In the Ladies' Doubles event, top-seeded Bernadine Remedios and Gloria Sequeira gained an easy passage into the final with 15-2, 15-0 win over newcomers Ho, who in their first competitive match were rather unfortunate in not having been given the fullest opportunity to give off their best.

## THE SCORES

## Men's Singles

(Quarter-Finals) Ed Marquez-Lim beat Wong Shiu-kwong 15-6, 8-15, 15-8.  
(Semi-Finals) Junior Pomeroy beat M. A. Ebrahim 15-4, 15-10.

## Men's Doubles

(Quarter-Finals) Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam beat Hui Sheng-tuck & Dr K. L. Hui 6-15, 15-6, 15-2.

## Ladies' Doubles

(Semi-Finals) Bernadine Remedios & Gloria Sequeira beat Ho Shok-kam & Cinder Ho 15-2, 15-0.

## TODAY'S GAMES

## At CCC

7.30 p.m. (Semi-Finals) Mixed Doubles: S. K. Wong & Chan Yuen-yue v. P. V. Yap & Perlin Dhabher.  
8 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Singles: Hui Sheng-tuck v. F. M. Rozario.  
8.30 p.m. (Semi-Finals) Ladies' Doubles: Fern Dhabher & Mary Wong v. Chan Yuen-yue & Diana Yung.  
9 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Doubles: P. V. Yap & M. A. Ebrahim v. Shu Chuen & S. K. Wong.

## TOMORROW

## At St. Teresa

Although no times are given, all players named below are requested to be present by 7.30 p.m. at the latest.

Junior Men's Singles: (Semi-Finals) Ed Marquez-Lim v. winner (F. M. Rozario v. Hui Sheng-tuck).  
Junior Mixed Doubles: (Semi-Finals) Junior Pomeroy & Gloria Sequeira v. Jimmy Ku & Mary Wong.  
Junior Men's Doubles: (Semi-Finals) V. A. Soares & B. A. Brown v. (Cao Ebrahim & Shu Chuen & S. K. Wong).  
Junior Men's Doubles: (Semi-Finals) Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam v. C. Y. Fan & W. N. Ching.

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SAM SNEAD  
WINS THE  
PLAY-OFF

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 12.

Sam Sneed, the mountain man with a squirrel rifle putter, beat the mighty Ben Hogan in an historic man-to-man contest by one stroke with a 70 today, to win his third Masters' golf crown in a special play-off.

Down the treacherous back stretch of Bobby Jones' Augusta National golf course it was Hogan who faltered while Sneed, who has been known to "blow" in the pressure rounds, held his eye and true.

They had finished with mediocre 289s in the regulation rounds ended yesterday and were shooting for the winner's share of an \$8,000 pot today.

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## OUTPLAYS LINDE WERTIL



Yoshiko Tanaka, 22-year-old Japanese girl, brought off one of the upsets of the day when she beat Austria's highly-fancied Linde Wertil in the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley yesterday. — Central Press Photo.

Mrs Cockell Keeps A  
Tab On The Cash

By GEORGE WHITING

For the first time for years a British girl—petite, brunette and attractive—stands a fair-to-middling chance of being universally recognised as the queen of sport, a glamorous but onerous international role reserved for the wife of the Heavyweight Champion of the World.

She is Mrs Irene Cockell, whose husband, Don, by beating Roland LaStarza earned for himself the mixed blessings of the roughest but richest assignment in sport—a fight for the championship of the world with Rocky Marciano, the Buster from Brockton, Mass.

Launching with the Cockells is a homely and satisfying experience and I found it piquant to watch 16st Don, the mightiest fighting man in Britain, dutifully fetching and carrying dishes down on Diamond Farm, their primrose-studded property at Hornum, Sussex.

But you have to pay for privileges. Before I could eat Mrs Cockell's excellent lunch I had to inspect and be inspected by 400 pullets, 100 pigs, 12 cows, one hay baler, two farmhands, a canary, an aquarium, a golden retriever suffering from arthritis, and a pedigree Persian cat, which, starting life as Haroun-al-Rasheed, now answers to the less exotic name of Rasher.

Conversation, helped along by wine made by Mrs Cockell from barley grown by Mr Cockell, is mainly agricultural.

Next we got on to families—and to the fact that Peter, aged two, was a little off-colour, while Pat (seven) would shortly be home from the village school up to his knees in mud.

Painstakingly, I got round to pugilism and to the suggestion that being a boxer's wife must be quite a specialised industry—a switchback kind of existence concerned with lumps, bumps, anxieties, triumphs, private heart-searching and public acclamation.

"Maybe," said 28-year-old Mrs Cockell, "but you get used to it."

Home Soccer  
Results

London, Apr. 12.  
Association football results today were:

## Division II

Hull City 4 Bristol R. 1  
West Ham 1 Stoke City 1

## Div. III (Southern)

Coventry 3 Queen's P. R. 1  
Leyton Orient versus Watford postponed to Apr. 22.

## Div. III (Northern)

Crawley Alex. 1 Wrexham 1  
Hartlepool 1 Carlisle 1  
York City 1 Grimsby 2

## Scottish "B"

Third Lanark 3 Forfar 0  
Admiral FC (Austria) beat Hearts 2-0.—Reuter.

## NO GALLIVANTING

World championship or no world championship, there will be no gallivanting for Don Cockell, one time Battersea blacksmith, or Irene Cockell, former receptionist from Carshalton. Down there in the green lanes of Sussex, Cockell's fish have brought fish with contentment and security with her family, her garden, and Jack of Diamonds, the horse her husband bought for her from Jack Hylton. Outside of boxing the only light life they seek is a weekly visit to the cinema in Eastbourne.

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## HER NOTES

Mrs Cockell rummaged in a drawer and, shyly, handed me a sheet of carefully pencilled notes in a neat feminine hand. They were headed "Don's Box-

ing Career," and contained a housewife's analysis of her husband's first modest rewards in the thick-skin trade.

The first entry reads: "High Wycombe Town Hall, June 28, 1940. Beat Trevor Lowder in fifth round. First pro. fight. Earned £8 (£7 clear)."

"I still do Don's accounts for the boxing and the farm," said Mrs Cockell, not without pride in the fact that there are rather more substantial figures to juggle with these days.

Taking charge of a champion and two growing boys has not left her much time for personal sport since her roller skating—which is more than her husband can do. "Much too dangerous—I always fall off," said the man who considers modestly but with conviction that he has a reasonable chance of survival, and success against Marciano.

Cockell has to work hard to keep his weight down to 16 stone. His wife has reduced from 10st. to 8st. For the rest the Cockell fare is without fat or fancy—steaks, spinach, eggs and an occasional excursion into the realm of bean-shoots at a Chinese restaurant in Eastbourne.

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Stop That  
Moaning...

Says DESMOND HACKETT

The Scots are top of the poll when I vote for the chaps I best like to have around, but what a whining, unsporting crew they are when it gets down to football. England gave Scotland a fair old beating-up at Hampden Park if you remember.

Now every Scot able to lift a pen is weeping into his ink and declaring this was the worst Scottish team of all time, that they were a disgrace to the old blue shirts, that the selectors should emigrate.

And I boil your haggis! This team was within a couple of players of being the best Scotland could put into action.

If I remember rightly, they were a "bonny bunch" when they were a goal up, they were "noe sae bad" when it was all square at half time... and Scotland had all the winds of Clyde-side blowing for them in the second half.

It was only when the Soccer-men of England suddenly discovered they were a team, when Tom Finney became the man who blighted their lives, that the Scots suddenly discovered their own team was not worth a swing of the kilt.

Not a word anywhere that England did a fairly sound job, just the odd and awesome mention of Finney, and the rest nothing but a tear-jerking lament.

Dash it all, play the game, you Scots.

## ALL'S WELL

Incidentally, this rush of water to the Scottish eyes reminds me that all is well with the Boat-race which was reported to be on its last legs, or last ours, because of the high cost of rowing.

It costs up to £5,000 for the two crews to row from Putney to Mortlake, or as some highly-brained character has worked out 12s. 6d. per stroke, per man. The only means of raising the funds has been the sales of programmes.

In the past the Boat-race crowds were destined to buy a programme, and it looked as though the greatest free sports show on earth would pass on at the ripe old age of one hundred. Now all is well. When the public heard the Boat-race was in a sinking condition financially, people threw in their bobs with good will, bless 'em.

CABRERA SAYS  
Peters Will Be  
The Man To Beat  
At Boston

Boston, Apr. 12.

Delfo Cabrera of Argentina, Olympic Marathon Champion in 1948, said today that Jim Peters of England will be the man to beat in the Boston Marathon on April 19, but he also has respect for Velko Karvonen of Finland and the three Japanese runners who are entered.

Cabrera speaks little English, but he smiled widely and said "Peters" when the question was translated to him. Peters holds the unofficial world record for the Marathon, and four times has won races in better time than the 2 hours 18 minutes 51 seconds which is the Boston record, set last year by Keizo Yamada of Japan.

"I never competed at Boston before because the race usually is run during the South American Championships and I preferred to have me run in the Championships," said Cabrera. "This year those Championships were postponed, so I can run here. I always have heard of the Boston Marathon and I think it is a great honour to compete here."

Karvonen was second last year, Karl Gosta Lundstrom of Sweden was third, Kazuo Nishida of Japan fourth and Johnny Kelley of Boston fifth. All except Lundstrom are entered again this year, along with Kuroo Hiroshima of Japan, who was eighth.—United Press.

They did even more. Around a thousand people wrote for programmes, and many sent the odd guinea to keep the Boat-race afloat.

Thames-side viewers and tele-viewers, rowing chaps from up and down the waters of Old England, and even blokes who hate the very sound of the word "water"—all enthusiastically declared—Carry on rowing, chaps.—(London Express Service)

SPORTS  
SURVEY

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

## BEATEN 23-2 AND ENJOYED

IT. The boys of Blackburn Orphanage were beaten 23-2 by Longshaw in the Mill Hill (Lancs) League—and afterwards they enjoyed it because they scored twice against the potential champions—something no other side has done this season. Eight of the Longshaw side scored with inside-left Jack Sanderson top marksman with seven goals. More odd was the fact that Ted Hens scored four times. He is a full-back.

## PASSED HIS OWN RECORD.

Nottingham's Spartan League individual goalscoring record in a match has been ten for the past seven years and Arthur Tucker, of Armadour Cubes, equalled it a fortnight ago. Now he has beaten the record by scoring thirteen of his team's 18 goals against Moorbridge Lane. He has scored 29 times in his last three matches.

SUNDAY FA LIMITED. A Sunday Football Association Ltd. has been formed, with an initial capital of £100 and as a non-profit making concern. It has six directors and consists of seven county and area associations comprising about 60 leagues and 2,000 clubs. The association will be ruled by their own affiliated leagues and, in turn, the Sunday FA is governed by the affiliated area and county associations. Sunday football, of course, is barred by the Football Association.

## HE REACHED HIS CENTURY.

Will Salt, of West Bromwich, has just reached his hundredth birthday. He is hale and hearty, drinks his beer, smokes his pipe, eats a good meal and follows sports results avidly. And just to think that two years ago soon after his 88th milestone, he fell and broke his thigh—playing cricket! He has made a complete recovery and goes for his daily work.

## SCOTLAND'S MANAGER—

LINESMAN. Scotland's new manager for the World Cup soccer, Andrew Beattie of Huddersfield, went along with his reserve team to Preston for a Central League match. A linesman short, he took a flag and enjoyed running the line. Asked if he had any difficult decisions to make he replied: "Aye, there was one. A backward movement, but luckily I did not have to make a decision. I was having a word with a chap in the crowd at the time!"

BACK TO MAURITIUS. Jimmy Strong, Burnley's goalkeeper for so many years, was stationed in Mauritius during the war and was in charge of 50 personnel training for air crew duties. Now, over ten years later, he will be returning there for Burnley's visit this remote British possession in May after playing two matches in Madagascar.

JESSE PENNINGTON SURPASSED. West Bromwich Albion captain Len Millard broke a club record when he played against Blackpool recently. It was his 49th appearance which passed the total of the most famous of all left backs, Jesse Pennington. Jesse was there to see the feat accomplished.

## THE GAMBOLS



## George must have bought it for me



## I'll alter the reckoning



## RINO



## Roxona





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## Hopes Of Reparations Settlement

Tokyo, Apr. 12. A key government official said today the Government hoped to present, if possible, a Japan-Philippines reparations agreement to the current session of the Japanese Diet.

The Diet is scheduled to end on May 8.

Vice-Foreign Minister Mr. Katsuzo Okumura told a press conference that Japan's draft of the agreement was now under study by the various ministers concerned.

He said the Japanese draft would be carried to Manila by Mr. Shozo Murata, who today accepted the post of head of a Japanese delegation to negotiate a reparations treaty with the Philippine Government.

M. Murata's delegation is tentatively scheduled to leave for Manila on Thursday noon aboard a Northwest Airlines plane.—United Press.

## Two More Japanese Trawlers Radioactive

Tokyo, Apr. 12. Two more Japanese fishing trawlers, the "Kichisho Maru" and the "Tokachi Maru," were found radioactive when they returned to Japan yesterday and this morning, it was disclosed here today.

However, the crews and fish were unaffected.

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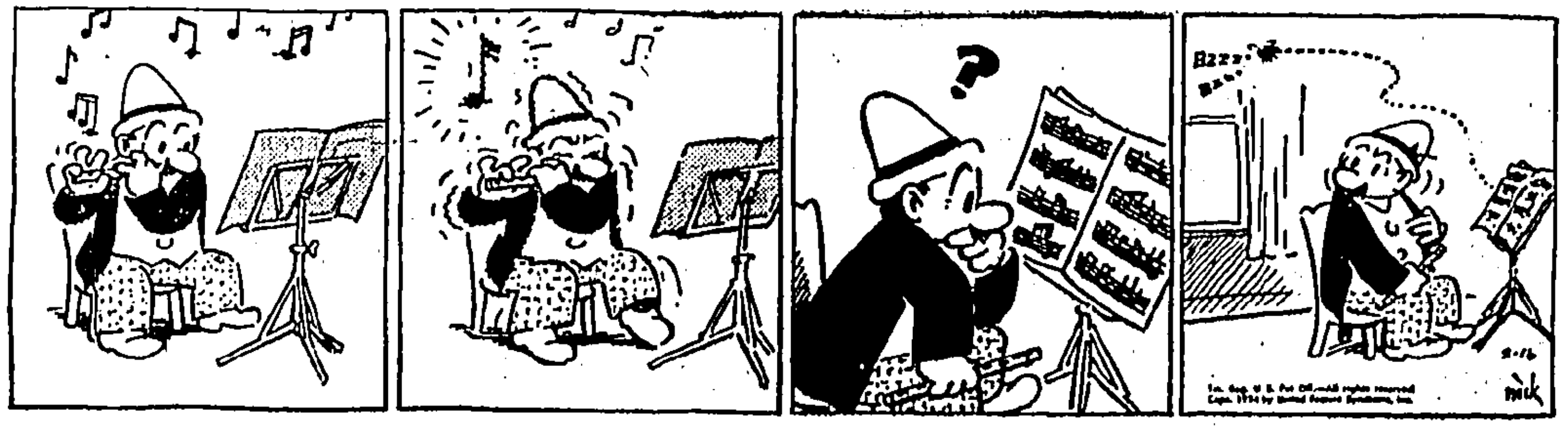
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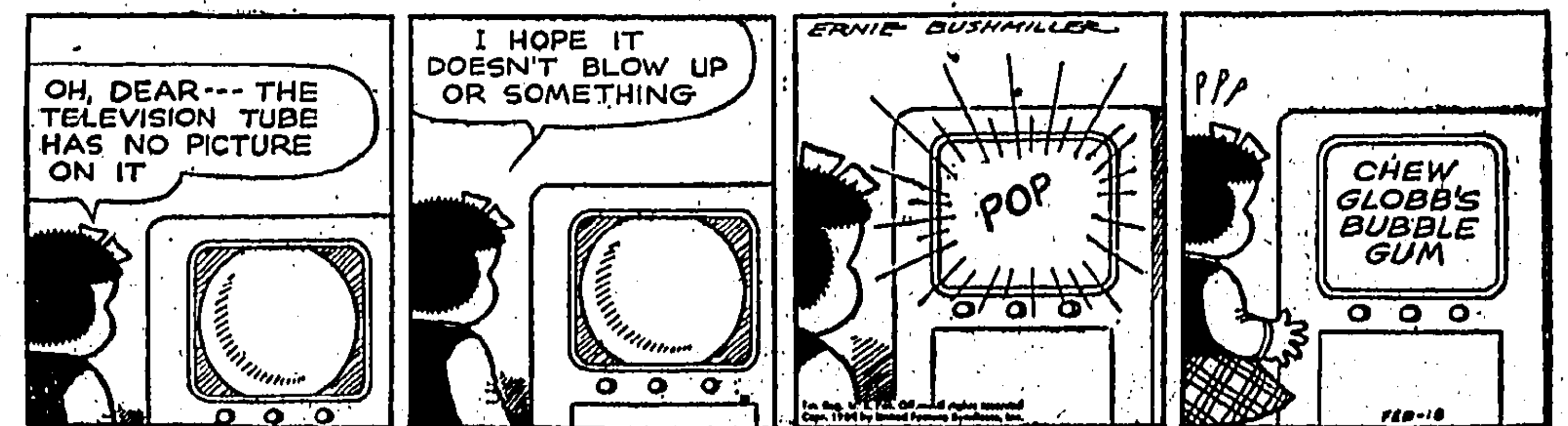
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## Sister Francis Had Her Camera Ready



Sister Francis had her camera ready as Princess Margaret walked through the lines of nurses on her arrival to open the extensions to the Maternity Hospital at Kingsbury, N.W. London last week.—Central Press.

## It Was A Bleak And Miserable Winter For Hungary

Vienna, Apr. 12.

The severe winter weather of the last two months in Hungary has set off a chain reaction of cause and effect which, working in a vicious circle, has seriously impaired industrial production, according to reports reaching here.

As a result observers believe that only drastic downward revision of the Hungarian economic plan for 1954 will prevent a breakdown in the country's industrial system.

Until the cold spell came, Hungarian propaganda had been devoted almost entirely to trying to speed up agricultural production, which had fallen far behind the plan. But in the last two months the Hungarian press and radio have devoted an unparalleled amount of space to industrial problems, especially those of fuel and power.

The chain of reaction was roughly this:

The intense cold and heavy snow reduced production of fuel, disorganised the transport system, and at the same time increased the demand for fuel and power.

The already inadequate supplies of fuel and power were reduced still further, causing industries to close down or go slow.

The lack of fuel, especially coal, caused a shortage of gas, as well as electricity, which in its turn also reacted on industrial production slowing it down still further.

The cold directly affected the supply of coal in two ways. It made open casting more difficult, and in some cases impossible, owing to the deep drifts of snow and the hard frozen earth, and it interfered with transport of coal from the mines to factories and towns.

The supply of coal was already inadequate to meet the demands of Hungary's expanded industry. In 1953 it was claimed that 21,300,000 tons of coal were mined. This was admitted to have fallen short of requirements by 204,000 tons.

But on December 15, 1952, the then Prime Minister Mr. Matyas Rakosi, said the economic plan for 1953 envisaged the production of 4,000,000 tons more coal than in 1952, which would have been 23,300,000 tons. The deficit in 1953 was obviously, therefore, greater than admitted—amounting to 2,000,000 tons.

Further it was recently admitted in the Hungarian press that the coal at present being produced was 30 per cent lower in calorific value than that produced in 1948.

Thus in comparison with the 10,000,000 tons produced in 1948 present production is therefore only the equivalent in calorific value of 14,000,000 tons—an increase over 1948 of only 49 per cent instead of the boasted 113 per cent.

### Easier Seams

The cause of this falling off in calorific value of the coal now being mined was said to be due to the mining of the easier seams in order to fulfil quickly the plan as regards quantity, irrespective of quality.

This poor quality coal has also had bad repercussions on transport and industry, and added to the confusion caused by the heavy snowfall. The railway service has been slowed down still further. Breakdowns on the open line have been common.

The shortage and poor quality of coal have directly affected the production of electric power.

The drastic power cuts which have resulted have in their turn led to idling in the factories.

In some cases workers have been sent on unpaid holidays. In others, in an attempt to hide the situation, the workers stayed in the factories doing nothing and were forced to accept lower wages for this idle time.

In any case the volume and the cost of production were seriously affected.

Even factories producing heavy industrial equipment and basic raw materials were affected. The Lenin Iron and Steel works at Diosgyer produced 2,000 tons of electro-steel and 3,000 of rolled products less than planned on account of the power shortage.

### More Severe

In the light industries producing consumer goods the cuts were more severe, so that the balance between consumer and capital goods, which should have been restored by the new economic policy introduced last year, has been thrown out once again.

A drastic new system for rationing of power in the factories was introduced on February 15 by order of the Council of Ministers. This gives quotas to every factory and provides for the "punishment" of factories which exceed their quotas by still more drastic punitive cuts in power, despite the effect this would have on production and costs.

Factories using large amounts of current have been restricted to night time operation, which also raises the cost of production.

The gas producing industry is also in difficulties. The shortage of coal has led to increasing quantities of oil gas being piped to Budapest from the László oil fields to be mixed with the coal gas.

This has caused a serious deterioration in the quality of the gas, which led to a breakdown of the Budapest gasworks for two days in January.

Further, the use of the pipe lines for gas instead of petrol has led to an acute shortage of petrol in Budapest, which has again seriously affected road transport, which could otherwise have helped out the railways.

### One Had Petrol

Much time has been wasted by motorists going from pump to pump in Budapest to find one with petrol in stock. On one day there was only one pump in Budapest with petrol.

The cuts in gas and electricity have not only affected industry but have had an irritating effect on domestic life. Men and women returning hungry from work have had to wait hours before they could cook a meal.

Schools have been closed owing to fuel shortage and the children have had to stay in unheated homes or play in the snow filled streets.

Public transport has been slowed down by the power and petrol shortage so that workers have wasted more time going to and from work. Families have had to sit in the dark in unheated homes or go to bed to keep warm.

In addition to all these troubles the breakdown of the transport system has caused shortages of food, especially milk in the towns.

This is the picture of industrial and domestic life in Hungary as given by the Hungarian press and by reports of travellers coming from Budapest.

As a result of this chain reaction Hungarian industry is believed to have suffered a terrible set-back which will almost certainly have drastic repercussions on the 1954 economic plan.—China Mail Special.

## Lung Cancer Deaths Rise In England

Deaths of men from cancer of the lung and bronchus have increased by 57 per cent, since 1947. It is stated in the provisional returns for England and Wales for 1953, issued by the Registrar-General. The rate per million of population increased to 607 from 568 in 1952. The rate for women remained steady at 69 per million, compared with 68 in 1952.

Deaths rates from all forms of cancer during the year were 2,165 and 1,830 a million population for men and women respectively; in 1952 the figures were 2,151 and 1,800 respectively. Of the 45,924 deaths of men 12,973 (28 per cent) were certified as due to cancer of the lung and bronchus; of the 41,980 deaths of women only 2,255 (5 per cent.) were so certified.

The total number of deaths from respiratory tuberculosis in 1953 was 7,911, the provisional death rate from this cause being 170 a million persons. This shows a decrease of 10 per cent. from the previous year, more than 50 per cent. from 1949, and more than 60 per cent. since 1947. The death rate for other forms of tuberculosis was 22 a million persons, compared with 28 for 1952.

The provisional rate for maternal mortality (excluding abortion) a thousand live and still births is .65, which compares with .59 in 1952—the lowest ever recorded—and .66 in 1951.

## The US Economy As Seen Through An Opaque Crystal Ball

New York, April 12.

Predicting the future of the U.S. economy has become a great American pastime and there was no let up this week.

Even some of the professional seers encountered new difficulties. Judging from the mixed tenor of the week's developments, the casual and unwary reader might conclude that business looks gloomy from the left and less dim reading from the right side of the page.

Here are two typical reactions reflecting the cautiousness of leading observers generally.

The National City Bank, in its April Newsletter, said "The month of March has brought no clear evidence of business improvement, and, although the opinion seems to be spreading that the worst of the decline is over, this is a matter of faith rather than of statistical demonstration."

The Journal of Commerce said: "The March figures are so mixed that with a little diligence and imagination it is possible to erect them in such a way as to show that (1) recessionary trends have been stopped and reversed, (2) the trend is still downward and (3) both elements are present but neither is predominant."

And so it goes... this week it was another plus-and-minus affair. Employment rose and unemployment fell in March by about 50,000—thus appearing to cancel each other.

President Eisenhower twice gave assurances that the drop in business activity appeared to be leveling off, and there appeared to be no visible indications that the Government was unduly concerned about the immediate business prospects. Instead, the President spoke of confidence and signs of encouragement.

Meanwhile, the war in Indo-China and a statement by British Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Butler combined to impart a jittery note to market prices which had been holding up beyond many expectations.

A selling wave attributed to a "war scare" arising from Indo-Chinese tensions dropped security prices from one to four points on Tuesday. Commodity prices which normally respond to war talk and rumors, failed to show decisive trends.

**BUTLER'S REMARKS**  
Chancellor Butler's remarks that the decline in US activity must be watched closely and there was no certainty that it would not fall further before it reversed also discouraged many traders.

Meanwhile, amidst reports that steel might be working its way out of a long inventory adjustment, the C. I. O. Steelworkers Union reported nearly 200,000 members idle, or about 10 per cent of the total. That is an increase of 80,000 in a bit more than two months.

On the sales front, the mixed trend was more pronounced. Farm machinery makers, hard hit for many months, are recalling thousands of workers. International Harvester Co., major manufacturers, said it had recalled 6,700 workers in the last four months, with its labour force now at its highest level since August, 1953.

February hardware sales improved, but department store sales are still lagging. Ford Motor Co. sold 30 per cent more cars in the March quarter compared with March 1953, at the same time announcing its first production cutbacks in nine months.

Westinghouse Electric, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical supplies and equipment, spoke confidently of 1954 prospects, pointing to a 11 per cent sales boost in January and February. Two big retail outlets had some bad news to report. Montgomery Ward sales in March eased 22.8 per cent below year-ago levels.

Elsewhere the National Industrial Conference Board surveyed the impact of the decline by canvassing 157 manufacturing companies. Its consensus: Strong variations from industry to industry and even among producers in the same industry. Many expect second quarter improvement, while some are confident the turning point has been reached; others were uncertain as to the permanence of any upturn. They seemed to agree, however, that better selling and production efficiency would play major roles in the next few months.

**CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM**  
Meanwhile, executives of leading mutual funds—considered a conservative type of investment—ruled out any severe depression, with sentiment rising from cautious optimism to outright bullishness, according to the Journal of Commerce. The survey of manufacturers' inventories showed that most of the inventory adjustment was

concentrated in the durable goods industries.

Less conflicting and certainly more heartening for many observers was the record construction expenditures for the first quarter this year. After adjustment for seasonal factors, new construction for the three-month period was at an annual rate of \$30,100,000,000. This is higher than both that previously forecast by Government agencies and the \$34,843,000,000 spent in the boom 1953. President Eisenhower and administration advisers place considerable emphasis on the role that expenditures for new construction might play in sustaining a healthy economy.

Meanwhile, the excise tax reduction effected last week appeared to stimulate sales throughout the nation. But many are watching the Easter sales season in the next week for further indications as to whether consumers will spend freely.

Newsweek magazine felt that if retail trade this week and next week stays within 2 to 3 per cent of the corresponding pre-Easter period last year, it will be considered satisfactory ground for moderate encouragement.

Any decline of more than 3 per cent means increased worry, the magazine noted, and also more and more hedging on new orders.

Anything less than 2 per cent will be very good, evidence that the slump is leveling off.—United Press.

## Big Jump In London Metal Prices

London, Apr. 12.

A feature of the London metal market today was the big jump in the prices of both tin and copper to new high record level for the year.

Spot copper opened this morning £20 on Friday's close at £24 1/2 a ton. Three-month copper was quoted £4 1/2 higher at £28 1/2 a ton.

This was the highest price for copper on the London market since last August. It weakened slightly on the day and closed at £24 7/8 and £23 1/4.

Tin prices were the highest since April 10, 1953. At this morning's opening spot tin was quoted at £320 a ton, which was £45 up on Friday's close. Three-month tin at £790 and £781 1/4.

Copper traders said the reason for the continued firmness of prices was the steady demand for the metal from the Continent.

In regard to the fresh burst of strength in tin, metal merchants say this has nothing to do with the proposed international tin agreement, which has lately been ignored by the market. The main reason is said to be the growing political tension over Indo-China and the doubts and misgivings which surround the coming Geneva conference.

Tin circles say they expect the price will rise still further, even well above the upper level proposed by the proposed international agreement unless these uncertainties are quickly dispersed.

Metal prices closed today in the markets as follows:—

**NEW YORK PRICES**  
New York, Apr. 12.  
Prices of metal futures closed today as follows: in US cents per lb.—

Aluminum	15.80
Copper	28.12
Lead	27.00
Nickel	10.00
Spot	10.00
3-month	10.00
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**JOHN CLARKE'S  
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## THE BOXER

NOT many of the men and women who stand in the dock at the London courts seem ever to have had ambitions much beyond those simple ones of ordinary people—to be able to earn enough to eat and live and play, to marry perhaps and settle down to a family life, to love and be loved.

Not much to ask, but more than many achieve.

Harold aimed higher than most who stand where he did, in the dock at Bow Street. In his late teens, and the first years of his twenties (he is 27 now) the world seemed full of promise to him, and he meant to do great things.

### AMBITION

ALREADY, there was plenty to his credit. Since leaving school he had done well in the two jobs he had had, in Scotland, where his home was. When he came out of the Navy after his National Service, he had in his pocket a "character" marked "excellent."

Besides all this, he had a pretty young wife and a new ambition—to become a professional boxer and fight his way to the top of that tough profession.

Harold did moderately well as a boxer and he might have gone a long way in the business had not something happened that wrecked his career entirely. His wife left him.

### NEW ROLE

HE was trained to take all kind of punishment, but that kind he could not take, and from the day of his wife's departure, Harold ceased to prosper.

He wandered presently to London and joined those who moped around the city living on what they are pleased to call their wits, the army of the work-shy.

Late the other evening, in side-streets around Victoria station, two policemen watched Harold in his new role, sneaking into the areas of dark, curtained, houses, on the look-out, as it seemed, for unlocked doors and windows.

### LIVING ROUGH

THE police made their arrest, and in the morning at Bow Street, Harold, a good-looking, loose-limbed man, pleaded guilty to loitering with intent to steal from dwelling-houses. "There are no previous convictions," a police-officer said to Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate, and he neatly sketched Harold's story.

"Is there any reason why he can't work, is he able-bodied?" the magistrate asked.

"Yes, sir, he is. But he tells me he has been living rough for some time."

"What's the reason for this?" the magistrate said.

### UNTIL THEN

"I THINK he was very cut up about his wife leaving him," said the officer, understanding in his tone. "Until then he was pretty steady."

"What do you want to say about this?" Mr. Reece asked Harold.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I'd no food, no money. . . . He looked tired out, punch-drunk by circumstance."

"Well you'll find this acting the part of a potential burglar very unprofitable," said the magistrate. "But you seem to have done well in the past. Are you prepared to work?"

"Aye, I'd work if I had a job," said Harold.

"You could find him a job, couldn't you?" said Mr. Reece to the probation officer who nodded that he could.

The magistrate turned again to Harold. "I'm going to put you on probation," he said. "I've no doubt that when you get a job you'll be happier than you have been for some time. You go and talk to that gentleman."

"Thank you, sir," said Harold, and the went out, and there was lightness in his step again, as there must have been a few years back, when his world seemed so full of promise.

## Royal Standard Formed By Children



The Royal Standard was formed by 7,000 children when the Queen visited Wayside Oval, Adelaide, to see the children's demonstration. This picture, taken from one of the floodlighting pylons, shows the children in formation. — London Express Photo.

## Man Falls 7,000ft From Plane To His Death

**Singapore, Apr. 13.** A 40-year-old Chinese clerk, Cheong Chen, fell 7,000 feet through the air from a Malayan Airways Dakota to his death in an abandoned rubber estate in Johore yesterday.

Bound for Medan in Sumatra, the plane was 51 miles out from Singapore's Kallang airport when the incident occurred. The air hostess and other passengers realised something had gone wrong when a gust of air rushed through an emergency exit door which was open. A few of the passengers who sat near Cheong saw a pair of legs disappearing through the open hatch.

An Airline spokesman said it all happened so suddenly the other passengers had no chance of rescuing the man, whose body was later found in an abandoned rubber estate in South Johore, lying face down. A police party found it half an hour after the incident was reported.

The pilot, Captain J.C. Hutchinson, immediately radioed Singapore control tower for instructions when he was informed by the hostess. The plane was instructed to proceed as scheduled to Kuala Lumpur, where police officers were waiting to question the passengers and crew.

Hostess Marjorie Wee said that, as she passed Cheong after serving coffee to the pilot, the man asked her where the next stop was. She said she told him the plane would stop at Kuala Lumpur and Penang. When she was taking some tea to a passenger sitting behind Cheong, she felt a gust of air and saw one of the hatches open and Cheong, who was sitting next to the door, was not there.

A Singapore architect, S. Wooner, who saw the incident, said the moment he felt the plane lurch, he saw the man disappear.

## Southeast Asia Security Pact

(Continued from Page 1)  
French has convinced the Foreign Office that the whole situation is entering a new and more critical phase.  
Because of this, former British opposition to a Southeast Asia security pact has been dropped, Manila continues.  
But with the Geneva conference between the East and West less than two weeks ahead, Britain is still unwilling to take any hasty new decisions.  
Up to late tonight Britain was unwilling to accept the United States plan for a flat declaration warning Red China to keep out of the war. This was because such a declaration might be regarded as a threat.  
According to one suggestion, put forward in London the new defence pact for Southeast Asia would include Britain, America, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Siam and France's three Associated States in Indo-China. — Our Own Correspondent.

## COUNSEL'S ALLEGATIONS IN WINDING-UP PETITION

(Continued from Page 1)  
Seymour as individual shareholders. Mr. Winter, also instructed by Mr. Hammond is also representing Mr. J. B. Ipektdjian as creditor of the company, and Messrs Ipektdjian Bros. as creditors.  
Mr. W. K. Thomson appears for the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator.  
Before the case opened this morning, Mr. Winter invited his Lordship "to unfortunate misleading headlines that appeared in the local Press arising out of my learned friend's misleading opening yesterday."

Counsel said that three documents were referred to and had Mr. Bernacchi taken the trouble to investigate before saying that these documents were being deliberately withheld he would have found that they were produced to his instructing solicitor on February 17 and that there was no question whatsoever of them being deliberately withheld because they had been in the possession of the special managers for some four weeks. At the request of his Lordship, Mr. Winter handed up a cutting of the proceedings reported in the China Mail yesterday.

**NOT MISLEADING**  
His Lordship observed that Mr. Bernacchi made the allegation that the documents were deliberately withheld, and therefore the headline was not misleading.  
Mr. Winter said that the opening was misleading. It was said that the documents were deliberately withheld, whereas they had been in the possession of the special managers for some four weeks prior to the opening of the case. Counsel said he was not alleging that the Press misrepresented the case. It had been wrongly misrepresented to his Lordship, he added.

In answer to the Court whether Mr. Bernacchi had been informed of this, Mr. Winter said that it was so ordered that all documents should be handed over to the special managers.  
Mr. Bernacchi said that after the Court adjourned the solicitors discovered they were in the hands of the special managers.  
Mr. McNeill contended that it was said in open Court that they were in the hands of the solicitors.

His Lordship said that copies which had been annexed to the affidavit and which were to be supplied to Mr. Bernacchi were not attached. That was Mr. Bernacchi's real point.  
Mr. McNeill said that his learned friend's (Mr. Almadra) answer was clear. The documents would not have referred to in the affidavit if he intended to suppress it.

On the correspondence, Mr. Bernacchi might have some justification for alleging it and it was in his capacity of Counsel that he alleged, and his Lordship said he would not force see nothing whatever in being asked to interfere and in any way he saw no reason to do so.

In his opening Mr. Bernacchi said that he would ask his learned friend Mr. Wright to go through the rather voluminous documents that related to the case and also to address his Lordship as to such legal aspects that might arise.  
**GENERAL SURVEY**  
But before he did that, Counsel said he would like to give the Court a general survey of the case, both the case for the petitioner and the case for those who in one capacity or another were opposing it.

The first three pages of the petition merely established that at all times this Company had been a private limited company in the nature of a partnership concern.  
Pre-war and until 1948 it was carried on more or less as a family concern, most of the shareholders were members of the family, and then in late 1948 Mr. Ipektdjian purchased all the shares except those owned by the petitioner in his own right, Mr. Bernacchi said.  
Subsequently Mr. Seymour came in as a director sponsored by Mr. Ipektdjian and he held no shareholding at all until March, 1950, when the petitioner transferred to him one ordinary share and one preference share on loan, Counsel said.

The petitioner demanded those shares back in 1953, Counsel went on, and Mr. Ipektdjian then transferred to Mr. Seymour one of his own shares.  
Mr. Bernacchi said that the position of these three present shareholders—Mr. Ipektdjian, Mr. Seymour and Mr. King.

"Petitioner was, I think I can say, solely responsible for the rehabilitation of this company after the war—that is not out in the petition—and he originally negotiated the bulk purchase of shares by Mr. Ipektdjian."  
**AN AGREEMENT**  
As a result of this negotiation an agreement was entered into between Mr. Ipektdjian and petitioner and this was set out in a letter from Mr. Ipektdjian which was attached to the petition.  
The petitioner after putting the parties in touch with each other was not personally concerned with the actual sale which was conducted through solicitors and was not aware of the exact price finally paid for the shares, Mr. Bernacchi said.

Continuing, Counsel said: "We now come to the events which led up ultimately to the presentation of this petition."  
"Until March, 1949, the petitioner was in sole charge of the Company but in that month Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour were appointed directors together with him."  
"The sale and transfer of the shares by Mr. Ipektdjian to the petitioner should have then been carried out but it is our case that from that time onwards he continually put off selling and transferring these shares to my client."  
In the summer of 1949 the petitioner was on leave and away from the Colony, said Mr. Bernacchi, and Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour obtained an agency from the Bulova Watch Company. These watches in Falconer's name were being sold to various retailers in the Colony at wholesale factory prices.  
Counsel said that these transactions did not appear in the proper books of the Company, although there were certain books which it was contended by Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour were books of the Company in which certain references were to be found.  
**US DOLLAR PAYMENTS**  
"We say they do not appear in the proper books and payment from the local dealers was obtained in US dollars and taken over by this firm of Ipektdjian Bros. Ltd.," Counsel said.  
Falconer's had never received any profit on these sales, he alleged.  
So far as he could see it was the case of Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour that Falconer's received no profits because Counsel said that it was on the face of it a somewhat startling proposition.  
He was going to prove that the sub-agents for Mr. Bulova Watch Company in Hongkong made certain very definite profits on the factory prices.  
In answer to the Court, Mr. Bernacchi said that the sub-agency came under a firm operating outside the Colony. He was going to show that these sub-agents received commissions of one third or another from Bulova on Bulova factory prices, "and we invite your Lordship to say that it is incredible if even a sub-agent receives a commission on factory prices that no commission was paid to Falconer's on the same factory prices."

Counsel said that the agency agreement was in the name of the petitioner, "You may see from the reply to our notice to produce that these gentlemen are sheltering behind the apron strings of a company called Ipektdjian Bros. Inc. of New York."  
The only reason for not producing that contract showed very clearly what agency commission was to be paid, Mr. Bernacchi said.  
This was an important case because it was one of the few cases where it was frankly admitted by Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour that the agency was obtained for Falconer's and it was contended that the only commission payable was one per cent advertising allowance for sales up to US\$100,000, said Counsel.  
"It is an extraordinary state of affairs and it is our case that I say with confidence that your Lordship will not be able to accept without production of that agency contract," Mr. Bernacchi said.  
Continuing, Counsel said that in September, 1949, Mr. Ipektdjian and Mr. Seymour purchased in the name of Falconer's 2,000 ounces of commercial gold in the form of link bracelets from Zeller Mayer Inc. of New York and sold them again in the name of Falconer's to a firm of bullion

## Fishing Junk Attacked: Man Wounded

An armed junk attacked and captured a fishing junk off Lin Ting Island, near Hongkong, last night. One crew member, who was shot in the chest, was released by the pirates. The sailor, Li Kung, 33, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital this morning in a serious condition.  
The Police are conducting inquiries into the incident.

## Counsel's Appeal To Jury

An appeal to the fatherly instincts of seven men of the jury in the trial against 46-year-old Clerk Tse Chou-lai, on a charge of murder before Mr Justice J. R. Reynolds, Puisne Judge, was made by Counsel for Defence, Mr Percy Chen in his closing address at the criminal session this morning.

Tse, a clerk formerly employed in the Hongkong Electric Company, is alleged to have murdered Tang Yiu-fook at No 25 Spring Garden Lane, first floor, on November 9, last year. He is represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr H.A. Falconer, and pleaded not guilty to the charge. Mr D.N.E. Rao, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution.

Mr Chen asked whether they (the jury) could in the circumstances from which the accused was suffering have brought up their children in a commendable manner. The accused, he added, was the father of an under-privileged but happy family. He sacrificed everything for his children, and even while suffering from a terrible disease, epilepsy—he had worked and slaved to send his only son to Technical School, and he gave of his best to his family.

Mr Chen pointed out that the Crown did not dispute the fact that the accused was an epileptic.

**THE DEFENCE**  
"My defence is that he suffers from epilepsy and that he was suffering from a fit at the time he strangled and killed the deceased," Mr Chen said.

"I do not dispute that the deceased was fatally wounded or that the defendant attacked everyone or anyone in sight that evening—or that it took the courage and strength of Inspector Bodie, to subdue him," said Mr Chen.

Mr Chen then cited the principal medical witnesses, Dr Yap, who had said positively that the accused did not know what he was doing at the time he attacked the deceased. Epilepsy was a sudden disturbance of the brain and he had no doubt that for two days previous to the attack, accused had shown all the symptoms of an epileptic. He had picked up pots and pans and knocked them together; he had taken a knife and cut into the street; he had picked quarrels for no apparent reason; and he had accused the witnesses of attempting to poison him, said Counsel.

"I appeal to you to help this man in the time of his greatest need, Bodie, in the midst of danger, helped him by not killing him," continued Mr Chen.

The Crown cannot prove that the defendant had knowingly and with malice aforethought committed murder.

"A man like this who has proved himself under different circumstances to be worthy of a family and to have fought all obstacles to give some chance for better than he had himself deserves the opportunity to be rehabilitated," said Mr Chen.

**GRADUALLY RUINED**  
"Inevitably creep nearer and nearer and gradually ruined him," continued Mr Chen.

Mr Chen then appealed to the jury to give the accused recognition for his bravery, which was owed to him by the society. The Prosecution contended that the jury had in the case before them a choice between two verdicts—guilty or guilty but insane.  
"Mr Chen," he said, "made it quite clear that he was for the grace of God go all of us," pointing up his hand.

## Failed To Rejoin Ship

For failing to rejoin their ship, Bjarni Knudsson, 17, and his 16-year-old shipmate, both Danish seamen, were sentenced by Mr W. R. K. Collings at the Marine Court this morning to four weeks in custody or to such time when the defendants could return to the Maren Maersk, or to another ship of the same agents.  
The Prosecution said that defendants failed to rejoin the Maren Maersk which was scheduled to sail at 12 noon on April 9. The usual notice to this effect was posted at the gangway of the vessel. The ship did not in fact sail until 6 o'clock the same evening. Defendants could not be located until on April 12 when they voluntarily reported to the ship's agents, Jensen & Company, at 2.30 p.m.  
The Prosecution further stated that the agents had made contact with the master of the Maren Maersk who agreed to take defendants back on the ship when she returned from Bangkok on May 2.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't think this bank is very courteous—bouncing two of my cheques last month!"

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